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MARCONI IMPORTS DELAYED BY IMMIGRATION

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE arrival into Sydney of Marconi's twin Italian imports, Marco Monti and Angelo Colombo, has been delayed till Thursday night by Australia's Department of Immigration.

Both players were expected in Sydney last Thursday.

Marconi's soccer manager, Franco Labbozzetta, who had flown to Italy two weeks ago to escort the two imports to Australia, arrived back in Sydney last Thursday empty handed.

However, Labbozzetta explained last night: "The major reason I couldn't bring back the players with me was because their visa's arrived late last week in Rome.

"But we then had problems with availability of plane seats for them on my return flight to Australia. The players will now arrive this Thursday night on the Alitalia flight."

Labbozzetta continued: "I met both Colombo and Monti at Sesto Saint Giovanni in Milan and was most impressed with them.

"As you know, Marco Monti is a 26-year-old defender and belongs to Serie A club, Reggiana. But Monti was loaned out to Serie B side Ravenna where he played alongside Australian player Christian Vieri.

"Colombo, who is 32 years old played with AC Milan but was later transferred to Bari where he's played for the past two seasons as a midfielder.

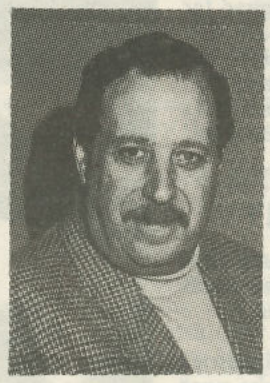
"Colombo recently played a few matches in Tokyo and had only just returned to Italy a week or so before my arrival there."

While in Milan, Labbozzetta managed to track down and speak to former magic Marconi midfielder, Ermanno Pelucchi.

"Ermanno is due to have a minor operation on his toe this week but is very keen to return to Marconi.

"But I wasn't able to meet Pelucchi as he had to rush off to see his sister in hospital at Ravenna where she had been involved in an accident," Labbozzetta said.

Meanwhile, Marconi's new coach, Andrea Icardi last week surprisingly snapped up veteran Parramatta Eagles striker, Marshall Soper to join the strong strike-force of Kimon Taliadoros and Andy Harper.



Marconi's Manager Franco Labbozzetta.

Ermanno Pelucchi: The former Serie A player is keen to return to Marconi according to Frank Labozzetta.

Coke adds life to soccer

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Coca Cola have renewed their sponsorship of Australian soccer in a four-year deal worth an estimated $10 million over the next four years.

The ASF and Coca Cola made the joint announcement yesterday at a special farewell lunch at the Novotel Brighton Le Sands (Sydney).

Special guests were the Socceroos who leave today (Tuesday) lunch-time for a three-match tour of Malaysia and Japan (see stories on Page 8).

The new deal is easily the biggest in the history of Australian soccer.

Australia's World Cup coach Eddie Thomson told ABSW last night: "Without this wonderful sponsorship from the Coke people, we just couldn't do the national team programs.

"Coke are also putting money into the development side of soccer but Coke's worldwide creditability reflects on our four national squads."

Mr Peter Trives, manager Sports Australasia Coca Cola Amatail, stated at the luncheon:"Australian Soccer's profile has grown significantly over the three-year period that we have been associated with the Australian Soccer Federation."

The sponsorship will concentrate on Australia's four national teams and the youth development program.

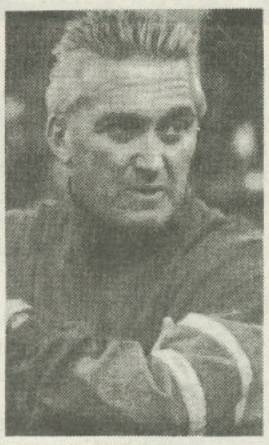
"We have been extremely pleased with this relationship and look forward to developing it further."

Meanwhile, Australia's World Cup sweeper Milan Ivanovich caused a slight stir when he failed to report into the Austrailan training camp yesterday morning after missing his flight into Sydney from Adelaide.

Ivanovich arrived later that afternoon.

Meanwhile, because Marconi's flying left midfielder Steve Corica is stuck trialling with clubs in Europe, Thomson has drafted Newcastle Breakers striker Warren Spink into the national squad.

Despite the late notice, Spink dropped all his commitments to arrive at the team hotel just before 3pm yesterday (Monday).



Eddie Thomson

The only other missing member from the travelling squad was striker Alistair Edwards who already is in Malaysia playing in their National League.

The Australian Institute of Sport's head coach Ron Smith will be Thomson's assistant on tour because Les Scheinflug is taking care of the Australian Youth Team.which compete in Oceania qualifiers this week.

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MEMORABLE QUOTES

BY CON STAVROS

"No German club would be willing to risk so much money for a player who has clearly passed the peak of his career. Good luck to Tottenham. They will need it."
— German newspaper 'Bild am Sonntag" on Jurgen Klinsmann

"Anything is now possible."
— Jurgen Klinsmann on his future in England following his bright start.

"It's very different and you can make a lot of money up there."
— Wollongong City signing Peter Murray on his three years in Hong Kong.

"We were never interested in buying the Breakers outright, but we are in the process of making a bid to buy the clubs ground and property. We believe that if the NSL is to succeed it needs a team from Newcastle."
— NSWSF general manager Peter Thorne, perhaps throwing the Breakers a lifeline.

"I'm confident of featuring in Eddie Thomson's long-term plans. A lot of people have forgotten that it was only through Zabica's sending-off against Canada that I lost my place in the World Cup team."
— Milan Blagojevic, back in Australia and looking for a club.

"If I don't have the ball at my feet, I can't play."
— Gabriel Mendez looking for a club more to his style in Spain after missing out on a deal with Leeds.

"Most of the players are unknowns when they are at the Institute (AIS). By the time they leave they should be potential Young Socceroos.
— Acclaimed AIS Head Coach Ron Smith on his charges.

"I'm not downplaying the role of coaches, but I often wonder how players feel when coaches are described as 'having won the NSL'."
— Ron Smith on coaches taking all the credit.

"I was 23 when I signed for Lazio and I'll be 28 next year. I feel as if I've missed football for three and a half years."
— Paul Gascoigne on talk of a return to England next season.

I'D LIKE TO HEAR THAT...

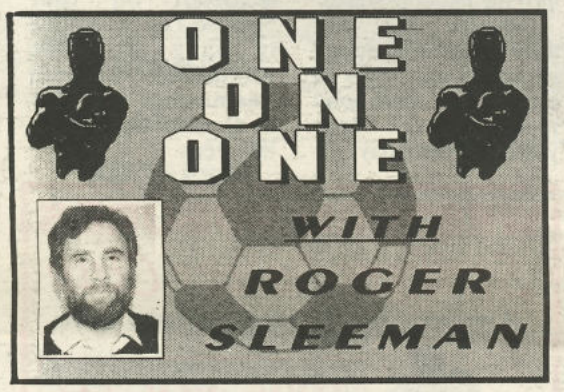
Some quotes we'd like to hearr over the next few months.

"Actually, we're not worried about next week. We're much more focused on the finals."
— Any NSL coach.

"Hand of God? No way, I just fisted that little sucker over the line. I can't help it if the ref's blind."
— Diego Maradona.

"Crowds are up, we've got a new sponsor and all that stuff about the penalty shoot-outs — hey, we were just kidding."
— The ASF.

Jurgen Klinsmann: "Anything is now possible."



Catlin returns after English sojourn

When Bob Catlin left Australia two years ago bound for the UK, he was at the peak of his career and knocking on the door for regular selection in the Socceroo squad.

However, like so many other Aussie players, a thirst for the big time meant everything in his football career.

Catlin, back in Sydney to resurrect his career with Marconi, has no regrets about his sojourn in English football, despite his failure to really crack the big time.

In this interview with ABSW, Bob Catlin reveals what life is really like in the toughest league in the world.

ROGER SLEEMAN: Was your experience worthwhile, or do you feel you didn't completely fulfil your ambitions?

BOB CATLIN: I think the important thing is that I gave it a go. It's not easy to suddenly pack your bags and move to a totally new environment and do a lot of adjusting and there's always the fear of failure that haunts you.

In the UK it's also the prospect of facing fierce competition from the local hopefuls.

The truth is, it was a shorter stay than I anticipated but I'm better for the experience and I'm hoping I can put something back into the game in Australia.

R.S.: Only a handful of Australians have made the grade in England. What are the real reasons for this?

B.C.: The competition to gain a place in a professional club is the major factor but what you really need is a lucky break. In my case, the vital break nearly came my way in the 1992/1993 season with my proposed transfer to Birmingham City from Notts County.

Terry Cooper, the former England great and City manager at the time was keen to sign me but unfortunately the timing was not right as Notts County was scheduled to play City in a few weeks.

Mike Walker, the County manager refused to let me go because the club was fighting relegation and if I played for City and his team lost, he told me his job would be on the line.

R.S.: Was the life of a professional footballer everything you thought it would be?

B.C.: Although we trained at least four times and played twice a week most of the time, the atmosphere was something different.

Even allowing for the tough schedule, I still had plenty of time to spend with my family.

Coming from a part-time setup like Australia to the rigours of full-time football is a culture shock, but you learn so much about the game that your overall awareness and performance improve dramatically.

"What you really need is a lucky break."

R.S.: How did you cope with playing so much reserve team football?

B.C.: Obviously the ultimate is to command a first-team spot but when you're playing in the reserves you must play at your best because you never know when you'll be called up for first team duty.

Also, there are always talent scouts surveying the scene so it's not as if you don't have a motivation to play at your best at all times.

R.S.: Is there a big difference in coaching methods between England and Australia?

B.C.: The methods may be similar in some ways but at the fully professional level you obviously have more time to spend on the tactical side of the game, particularly with set pieces.

You're also far better prepared due to the large number of games played during the season. Coaches are also well versed on the strengths and weaknesses of opponents well before match day, and a lot of time is spent in training to take advantage of this knowledge, something you don't have as much time for in the semi professional game.

R.S.: What were the highlights of your career in England?

B.C.: Undoubtedly, my appearance for Birmingham City against Newcastle while I was on loan during the 1992/93 season was the major highlight.

To play in front of 30,000 fanatical scousers was a match I'll never forget, especially against players of the calibre of Andy Cole, Paul Bracewell and Barry Venison.

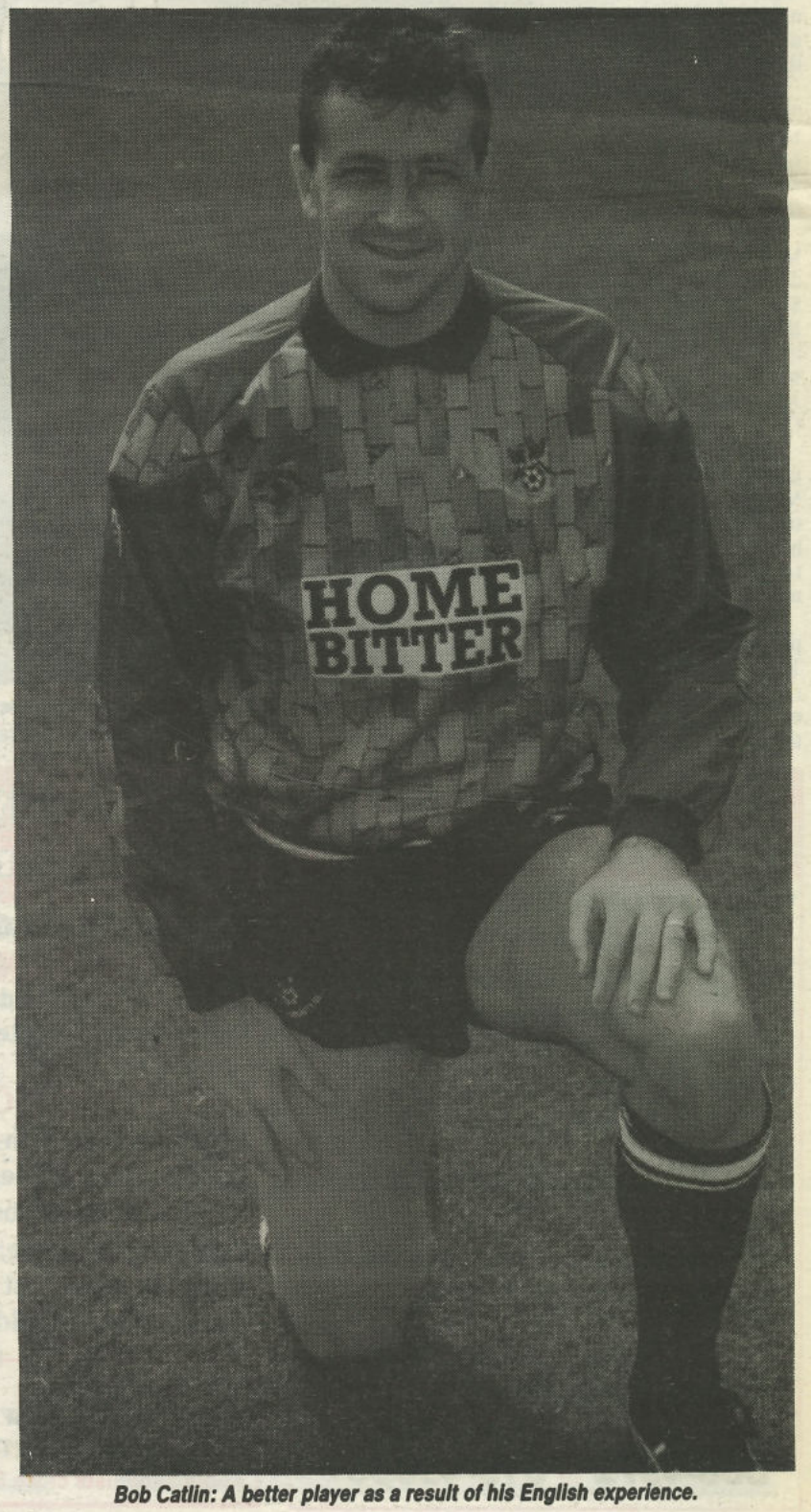
What more can be said about Kevin Keegan, he's put football back on the map in the north-east of England and just to play against a team managed by him was a great honour.

Although I didn't play at Wembley, I was on the bench for the Anglo-Italian Cup Final which also represented a pinnacle in my career.

R.S.: Would you do it all again?

B.C.: Well, if I'd known about Bristol City's interest in me I may still be in England, but the offer came after I'd signed with Marconi.

Certainly, I wouldn't go on spec again. I'd have a club and a contract lined up and make sure the right people were acting for me to produce the best possible financial return. After all, the life of a footballer is a short one.



Bob Catlin: A better player as a result of his English experience.

FIJIAN OLD BOYS MASTERS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE FIJIAN OLD BOYS MASTERS to be contested in Nadi in the last week of October will have at least two squads representing Australia.

The first team is a combined side with players linking up from Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria and NSW.

This side will enter the inaugural Fijian Masters as the "Australian & British Soccer Weekly All-Stars".

The second squad, from Melbourne, will be "The Brazil Old Boys".

Sportswell Tours of Sydney has organised a meeting set down for tomorrow night (Wednesday), at 6pm to be held at its offices in Sydney.

At this meeting for the Sydney-based players, they will be introduced as well as briefed on the Fijian tournament.

The bulk of players have already selected to stay at Nadi's Skylodge Hotel while the balance have optioned for the Mocambo.

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GREECE SHOULD COPY AUSTRALIA – PANAGOULIAS

BY ALFRED HIATT

Greek World Cup coach Alketas Panagoulias, an admirer of Australia's youth development program, wants Greece to copy the successful formula.

Panagoulias, who was the special guest of the Australian Soccer Federation at the recent FIFA/Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course, was green with envy at the Australian Institute of Sport facilities in Canberra, according to National Director of Coaching Mike Wells.

Wells said: "Panagoulias was very impressed by the standard of players at the AIS, and by the youth development pathway we have instituted.

"He only wished Greece had the same system."

The former Olympiakos and USA coach rubbed shoulders in Canberra with Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug, NSL coaches Bobby McLauchlan, Branko Culina, and Mike Urukalo, as well as NSW State League chiefs Joe Watson and Dez Marton.

The three wise men: Former Greek coach Alketas Panagoulias, ASF Director of Coaching Mike Wells and ASF Deputy Chairman John Dimtsis.

A.S.F. Offices Move To Football Stadium

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION announced last week that it would be shifting its offices from Rockdale to within the Sydney Football Stadium complex.

The big transition has been set down to take place from January 1st, 1995.

Under the terms of the lease, which is for 25 years, the ASF will occupy offices within the Stadium complex.

In return, the ASF will grant the Sydney Football Stadium exclusivity for all major international soccer matches.

Chairman of the ASF John Constantine stated in a communique: "The move to the Sydney Football Stadium is a logical one for the ASF.

"The relationship between our game and the Sydney Football Stadium has been a solid one and will be further enhanced by this move.

"Furthermore, it will provide stability for the Federation and bring us into line with most Football Associations around the world which are also based at their main stadiums.

"It certainly is a very exciting time for Australian soccer," ended Mr Constantine.

Maybe the terms of the lease could be most economically favourable for the ASF.

But one must question the wisdom of the ASF agreeing to grant such a long projection of time (namely 25 years) regarding the exclusivity to the S.F.S. for all future soccer internationals?

Twenty-five year projections are far too long for any commercial plans.

The crowd capacity of the Sydney Football Stadium is approximately 43,500, of which a large portion (almost a quarter) is reserved for Gold Members.

Does this simple fact not automatically cap soccer's long future ability to cash in on a massive attraction some years down the line?

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NSL matches to be shown live

BY ALFRED HIATT

SBS TV will use a radical new format to woo young viewers to its National League coverage this season.

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The format will feature:

- *A short introduction from Les Murray.*
- *Two to three minutes of first-half highlights.*
- *A live screening of the second half, including a penalty shoot-out if the result is a draw.*

SBS hopes to appeal to a youth audience with the new timeslot and the possibility of a shoot-out.

Andy Paschalidis and Paul Williams will call the games, with Johnny Warren giving expert commentary.

SBS has axed Soccer on Monday, but will retain Goal in a new Tuesday 6:00 to 6:30 timeslot (5:30 in Adelaide), *and On the Ball in its regular Sunday 11:30 to 12:30 time.*

World Soccer will be expanded to two hours, from 4:30 on Saturdays.

WOLVES LOSE OLLERENSHAW

BY TED SIMMONS

Wollongong City will lose striker Scott Ollerenshaw to Malaysia for the coming national league season.

Ollerenshaw finished second top scorer in the current Malaysian league with 25 goals and is negotiating a three-year contract.

"He asked me what to do and I told him he'd be a fool not to take it," Wollongong City coach David Ratcliffe said.

"We'll lose a good striker but I had to give him an honest answer. We'll get a transfer fee for him so the club won't go too badly out of it."

The Wolves still have Matt Bingley, Pedro Ricoy, Charlie Yankos and New Zealander Vaughn Coveney to come back, as well as new signing Peter Murray.

"I got Murray, who used to be with Apia and spent three seasons in Hong Kong, for nothing and I've also signed a couple of players from the State League," Ratcliffe said.

"Paul McFadden and Dale White won't be with us and there's some doubt at the moment over Yankos but we're more organised than we were at the start of last season."

BULLI BOY REGULAR FOR RATCLIFFE

BY PHIL MURPHY

Wollongong City coach David Ratcliffe has singled out rangy defender Steve Forshaw as a player to watch this season.

"Big Stevie" to teammates, Forshaw is ready to claim a regular spot in the Wollongong back four.

For two seasons, he has been a fringe player who has shown glimpses of real promise.

Since his first training session under Ratcliffe, Forshaw has come along steadily and been one of the key players in the Waratah Cup games.

A product of the Bulli club, Forshaw makes no secret of the fact he wants to command a regular place for the start of the season.

"We play Marconi away first-up and my aim is to be in the side that night," he said.

David Ratcliffe: expecting big things from Steve Forshaw.

"I have received a lot of encouragement from Dave (Ratcliffe) and plenty of help on the field from Charlie Yankos and Mick O'Shea.

"Charlie and Mick taught me all about positional play in the NSL; it is a completely new ball game from the Illawarra League.

"You are up against top strikers week after week and you have to stay on your toes.

"The challenge has been there from the first game I played but I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Ratcliffe said Forshaw had shown the right attitude from the start.

"The lad is very strong in the air but his ability on the ground needed a bit of work," the coach said.

"He has obviously worked very hard on his game and I am very pleased that he has come along so well.

"Steve listens to what people tell him and had two very good defenders around him in Charlie and Mick.

"There is obviously a spot there for him this season and so far he has indicated he wants to grab it with both hands."

O'Shea, a late starter this season after breaking a toe at work, rates Forshaw highly.

The former Socceroo stopper said Forshaw hasn't had the advantage of coming up through the AIS or advanced coaching schemes.

"Stevie was a just a promising junior who made first grade with Bulli but has an ambition to go that bit further," O'Shea said.

"We all thought he was a bit raw when he turned up at training one night just over two years ago.

"You don't make the grade the way he has unless you are prepared to work hard and listen.

"He has done both.

"On the field, he is becoming a lot more independent and that makes it easier for those around him.

"We are working well together at the moment that's probably because we are both motor mechanics by occupation.

"I believe Steve can make it on a regular basis this season."

FOOTNOTE: To celebrate the start of the new season, Forshaw became a father for the first time last week.

MORWELL SIGN TOOHEYS

Tooheys Brewing Company has joined the Morwell Falcons Soccer Club as one of its major corporate sponsors.

Tooheys have made a major investment in the long term growth of the Falcons, the sponsorship deal stretching three years and giving Falcons a solid base for success in the future.

Tooheys will use the Falcons along with National League Flyers Sunty Melbourne as it's flag ships in the National League spear heading its drive in soccer in Australia.

Letters to the Editor

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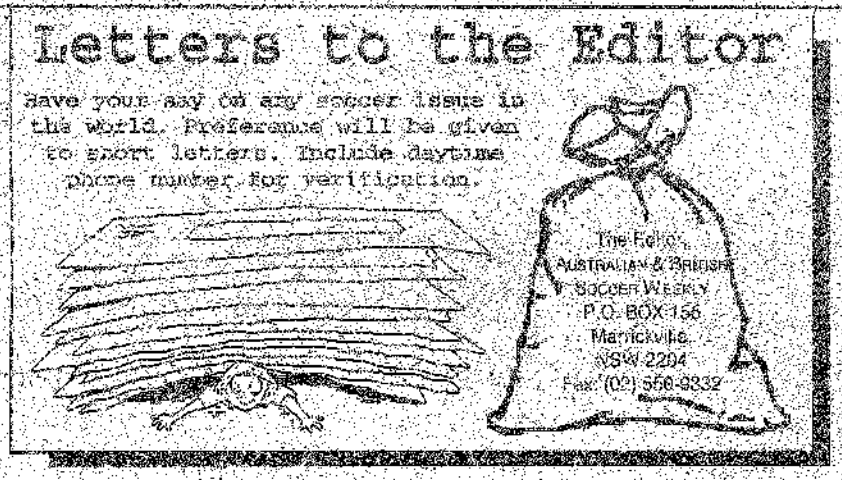


SUDDEN DEATH, NOT SHOOT-OUTS!

Dear Sir,

I am writing in relation to the new format for the up and coming season where penalty shoot-outs will be used to eliminate draws.

I would like to see three points for a win and one point for a draw used.

I believe this points system is enough of an incentive for teams to win games.

If it's a draw after 90 minutes then I would like to see sudden death extra time. Considering that FIFA has indicated the next World Cup will have this rule I believe it would be beneficial to our game to use this rule in our domestic league.

If it is still a draw after sudden death extra time, then it is obvious that the two teams are very evenly matched so the draw should be allowed to stand.

For either team to lose or win on penalties would be undeserved and unfair.

Sudden death would bring a new excitement to the game and at the same time many new faces.

This is the direction soccer should be taking as it would keep the purists happy and it would attract new faces to the game.

Lets not ruin the game with these drastic rule changes, let the game evolve naturally.

It is good to see the ASF trying to improve the game but I do think they should have had discussions with everyone involved in soccer and not only those at the ASF.

We are all in this together and we all want what's best for the sport.

I am sure we could all contribute something.

Paul Bottari,
Balcatta WA

AUSSIE SUPPORTER IN TURKEY

Dear Sir,

I am a 23 year old soccer fanatic who lives in Canberra, but I am currently on holidays for six months in Turkey (my parent's homeland).

Being an avid follower of the NSL in Australia, and a supporter of Parramatta Melita, I was surprised, but delighted to find out how similar the NSL is with the Turkish National League.

In Australia, many NSL and State League clubs are run and supported by supporters of various ethnic persuasions.

Imagine my surprise, when I descovered that many clubs in the top two divisions in Turkey are not run and supported by Turks, but soccer fans (i.e. migrants) from Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Macedonia and even the Kurds have a side in Division Two.

It seems that Australia is NOT the only place in the world who's soccer leagues comprise of multi-ethnic clubs.

However, there is the occasional "heated exchange" among the various supporters (just like our NSL).

But by the end of the day, any ethnic hatreds are forgotten, and supporters of different clubs can be seen talking and drinking together. At the end of the day, soccer is the REAL WINNER!

Ahmet Jihad,
Istanbul, Turkey

SUNSHINE - ABLE OR UNABLE ?

Dear Sir

I would like to respond to comments by Blacktown City coach Ken Schembri (ASSW, September 6, 1994) that my club, Sunshine George Cross have no long-term future in the NSL because of our inability to broaden our spectator base and also the inability to penetrate the soccer community in promoting the game.

What a load of hogwash. Mr Schembri must be ignorant of a few facts regarding my club.

Has Ken forgotten the names Markovski, Kindner, Muscat, Mori, Tapai, Trimboli, Talia, Marth, Trpcevski, Clarkson and so many more young players that made it through the ranks at Sunshine George Cross overseas, for Australia or in the national league.

Was this because we had no facilities?

Was this because we did not give any young players a chance?

Was this because we didn't plan long-term?

Why do you think we were dumped from the NSL?

Was it because we owed the NSL nothing or was it because we were very much instrumental in gaining the QUIT sponsorship to the NSL and ASF?

By the way Mr Schembri, just because you carry a Maltese name and you are doing well in the NSW Super League, we were about to contact you with an offer to coach our team in the Victorian Premier League.

Ah Well...

Alfred Zahra
President
Sunshine George Cross.

REVAMP NSL SAYS SOCCER FAN

Why isn't soccer, the number one sport in Australia, it has the most juniors. More people in Australia play soccer than any other sport, and the game is for all shapes and sizes.

The answer is, it is the number one sport in Australia. And now it's time for the ASF to make changes for the good of the code, and for all the little six-year old kids running around playing the game.

The NSL is heading in the wrong direction, with most of its clubs finding it hard to stay above water. The move to summer soccer was a good one, but with the 14 club format it has now, the league can't work.

For example, which team does a kid from Blacktown, North Sydney or St George support. The kids in those area's support there rugby league hero's, but they find themselves without local soccer stars to look up to.

My answer is for more sides in the NSL, and for all clubs to start from scratch. For Australian soccer to move on it must take a gamble, it must look for a more solid foundation.

New clubs must be formed, both Melbourne and Sydney should have all there teams supported by juniors.

The new format would have 24 clubs from all over Australia, with four more sides from New Zealand.

The 28 clubs will be placed in two divisions of 14, with a Super League and a First Division. With a first past the post format, the top three sides from the First Division are promoted. The bottom three from the Super League are dropped.

That format would give sides in the First Division a fair chance of promotion, and put more interest in the end of season matches.

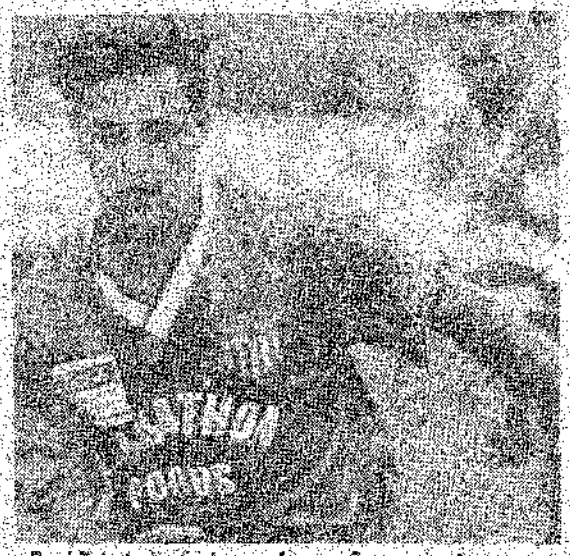
A cup competition would be a great success, with all 28 clubs plus the best four State Leagues competing. State of Origin is another area where the NSL could explore.

My 28 sides: South Melbourne, Melbourne, Adelaide City, West Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, Morwell, Sydney City, St George, Fairfield, Parramatta, Wollongong, Auckland (NZ), Wellington (First Division), Heidelberg, Newcastle, Western Suburbs, Darwin, Gold Coast, Central Coast, North Shore, Leichhardt, Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Hobart, Canberra, Christchurch, Hamilton (NZ).

The points system three for a win, 2 for a win in extra time and one point for a draw. Sides like Sydney Olympic and Sydney United have just moved to district area's, with Brunswick from Melbourne.

Canterbury and Bankstown Lions amalgamating and Marconi changing to Fairfield.

John Coulson,
Mortdale, NSW.



Paul Trimboli: Just one of many Socceroos to come out of Sunshine George Cross.

NSW Federation Awards Night

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE NSW SOCCER FEDERATION held its Awards Night last Friday evening at the lavish Club Marconi, attended by almost 800 guests including players, coaches, officials and special guests.

The major award, the Gold Medal (Best and Fairest Player), voted by the referees on a weekly basis with a 3-2-1 system, was taken out by Adamstown Rosebud's striker, Damien Smith.

After Round Six, Smith wasn't even in the running.

But after Round 18 Damien had hit the front, scoring 18 points, just one ahead of Bankstown's midfielder, Mile Todoroski.

But by the final Round, (Round 22), Damien had pulled away to win the Medal with a total of 21 points, one ahead of Bankstown's leading goalscorer, Scott Gilbert and four in front of joint-third placed Steve Berry and Mile Todoroski..

THE FINAL TOP 11 were:

Damien Smith 21.

Scott Gilbert 20.

Steve Berry and Mile Todoroski 17.

Norman Tome and Vlado Zoric 15.

George Bouhoutsos 14.

Zlatko Markovski and Nick Orlic 13.

Branko Milosevic and Craig Sharpley 12.

A completely stunned and overwhelmed Damien, talked with ABSW afterwards: "I just cannot believe it. I not only didn't score many goals, but I also missed the last four games because I was suffering from a virus".

Still shattered and clutching his Medal that hung from his neck with a blue ribbon, Damien went across to a telephone and phoned his mother in Newcastle to tell her he had 'struck Gold'.

Mrs Smith broke down on the phone and cried with joy.

Damien who wants to study Nursing and hopefully play in the NSL with the Newcastle Breakers, has been already selected in the NSW Under 23s squad that will tour Korea next month.

The 21 year old Novocastrian striker, was accompanied at the function by his girlfriend for the past three years, Cinamin.

A very elated Cinamin told us: "I went and watched Damien play at every home match and I'm so very proud of him."

Meanwhile, the Super-League's Top Goalscorer with 16 goals, Scott Gilbert, took out the "Players' Player Award" voted on by each team captain every week.

The 'Coach Of The Year' award, presented by the Chairman of the ASF John Constantine, was most understandably taken out by Bankstown City's super-achiever, Lujbe Jancev.

Paul Goodwin: Recognised for his journalistic services to the NSWSF.

The "Referee Of The Year" trophy went to Boyd McGregor

The other Awards included:

"Fair Play Award" won by Mt Druitt Town Rangers.

St George and Bathurst '75 won the same award for Division One and Two respectively.

"Goalkeeper Of The Year" went to Bankstown's custodian, Anthony Avellino.

The "Keith Gilmour" award for journalistic services to the NSW State League was taken out by ABSW's Paul Goodwin.

"Best and Fairest for Division One, Two and Womens' State League went to Rod Palomino, Paul Waine and Nicole McNamara respectively.

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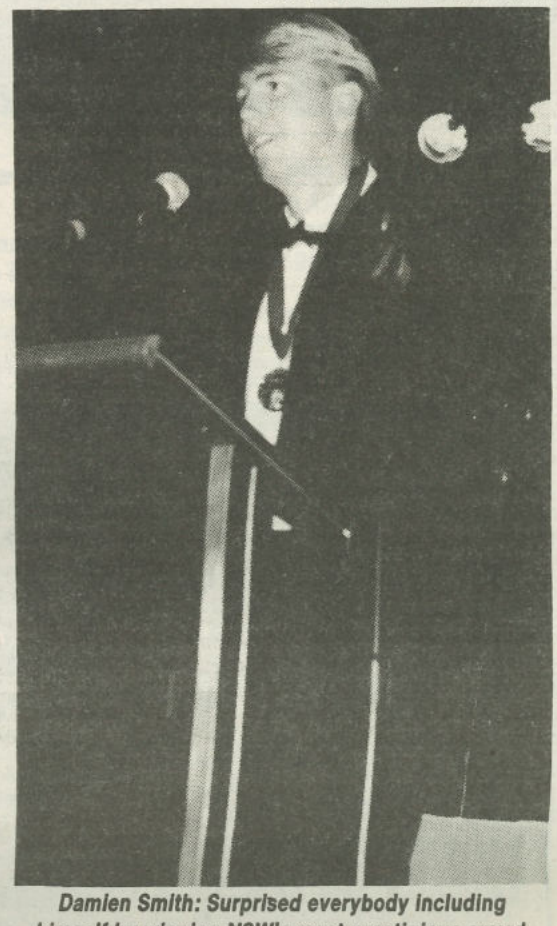
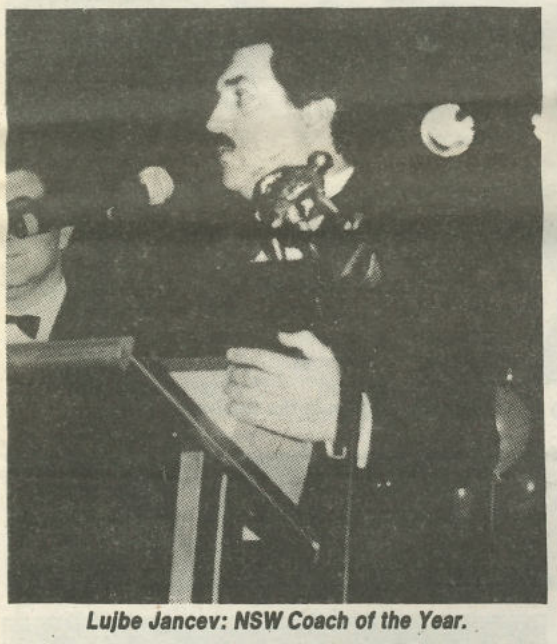


Damien Smith: Surprised everybody including himself by winning NSW's most prestigious award.



Lujbe Jancev: NSW Coach of the Year.

Scott Gilbert: A vintage year for the ace striker.

The thriving Hills district of Sydney will have its own youth league teams next season.

Hills United, a club which has been prominent at senior level in NSW Federation soccer for some years, is opening the way for juniors to participate at the highest possible level.

Many star players are lending their services to assist this ambitious club in its quest to provide the growth in Sydney's North West with quality support for ambitious youths.

Gary Van Egmond, Marshall Soper and Kazan Hadden are just a few of those who will be around when grading of players take place.

Current Marconi and young Socceroo team member Aaron Holst came from the ranks of Hills United and with the new set-up, no doubt, greater opportunities will exist for more to follow his example.

Plans are afoot to upgrade the three fields there, including the provision of enhanced amenities for the main arena, thanks to a grant from the NSW government.

Floodlights have already been improved and a new clubhouse is next on the agenda.

The club is taking one step at a time and while it would like to play senior soccer at a higher level, it is still working on bringing its facilities up to the required standard. The rapid expansion of the population in the area makes it an ideal location for a team in the NSW First Division at the very least.

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U/15 Wednesday 12th Oct. 6.30pm.
U/16 Thursday 20th Oct. 6.30 pm.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCEROOS

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Paul Wade	South Melbourne
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John Markovski	Morwell Falcons
Alex Tobin	Adelaide City
Tony Vidmar	Adelaide City
Stan Lazaridis	West Adelaide
Gabriel Mendez	Parramatta Eagles
Memhet Durakovic	South Melbourne
Steve Mautone	South Melbourne
Steve Horvat	Melbourne Knights
Ross Aloisi	Melbourne Zebras
Milan Ivanovic	Adelaide City
Damian Mori	Adelaide City
Zeljko Kalac	Sydney United
Ante Moric	Sydney United
Tony Popovic	Sydney United
Milan Blagojevic	Heidelberg United
Alistair Edwards	Selangor (Malaysia)

BY ALFRED HIATT

Zeljko Kalac, who flies to Malaysia today for the Socceroos' two-match Asian tour, has overcome the disastrous collarbone injury he suffered against South Africa — thanks to a bizarre training accident.

Kalac says he only erased lingering doubts about his fitness when he took a solo training run at Edensor Park.

"I was doing a sprint when I tripped over a wire, which the groundsman had attached to the sprinkler system," explains Kalac.

"I reached out with my arms to break the fall, and it was only when I realised that no damage had been done to my collarbone that I knew the injury had fully healed."

Kalac, who should win his fifth national team cap against Kuwait on September 24, will use the Asian trip to cement his Socceroo spot.

"I waited a long time to play for Australia, and now I know what it's like, I don't want to give anyone else a chance," said Kalac.

"I accept that (Mark) Bosnich is our number one 'keeper, but there's not much between the players competing for second place.

"I'm back to full fitness, but it's the mental side of recovering from the injury that's been hard to get over."

Kalac, who made some spectacular saves in the Socceroos' last match against Japan, is looking forward to playing behind a defence he rates amongst the best in the world.

"You can see why Adelaide City do so well in the league when you look at guys like Alex Tobin, Milan Ivanovic, and Tony Vidmar," says Kalac.

"Add Mehmet Durakovic and you've got a defence which can play in any team.

"The Japanese are very quick, and play a good short-passing game, but if we knock in one or two goals we should win."

According to the experienced Durakovic, the games against Kuwait and Japan will allow local players to impress Eddie Thomson.

"The home-based boys have their chance to prove themselves," said Durakovic.

"Japan will be fitter and sharper than us because their season has already started, so they'll be very good competition."

Durakovic believes that he can play in Australia's France '98 qualification campaign if he stays injury-free.

"As long as my form stays good, and I maintain fitness, I'll stay part of Eddie Thomson's plans," promised the South Melbourne stopper.

SOCCEROOS ASIAN TOUR

The Coca-Cola Socceroos' Asian tour has been expanded to include a game against the national team of Malaysia, as well as the already scheduled games against Kuwait and Japan.

THE FULL SCHEDULE FOR THE TEAM IS:

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER
Team departs Sydney on Malaysian Airlines fight MH 120 at 12noon

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER	Coca-Cola Socceroos Selangor Stadium	V	Malaysia Kick off 8.30pm
SATURDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER	Coca-Cola Socceroos Kuala Stadium	V	Kuwait Kick off 8.00pm
TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER	Coca-Cola Socceroos National Stadium	V	Japan Kick off 7.00pm
	Female Socceroos	V	Japan Kick off 4.30pm

Coca-Cola Socceroo coach, Eddie Thomson has made two changes to the original squad. In comes Milan Blagojevic and Sydney United captain, Tony Popovic for the unavailable Matthew Bingley and Jason Polak.

Steve Corica's availability will be confirmed later tonight, while Ante Moric has been included to bring the squad to nineteen (19).

Damian Mori: Hoping to cement his position in the Australian team.

YOUNG SOCCEROOS

Ufuk Talay: The Young Socceroo trojan.

BY ALFRED HIATT

Les Scheinflug left for the Young Socceroos' Oceania qualification series last week worried that the poor state of Fiji's pitches could cost his team a chance of qualifying for next year's World Youth Cup.

Scheinflug warned: "The bumpy grounds will bring the other teams closer to us.

"They will especially suit New Zealand, who play an old-fashioned English-style long-ball game.

"We have been the Oceania representative since 1981, so the other countries would love nothing better than to beat us."

Socceroo Mark Viduka leads the squad, which features five players with NSL experience.

Preston midfield general Robert Enes has recovered from an injury suffered while trialing for German club Kaiserslautern, and is a key part of Scheinflug's plans.

"Enes is the brains, (Ufuk) Talay is the hard-worker, and (Josip) Skoko is the goalscorer," claimed Scheinflug.

The former Marconi coach will pick either Nick Lazarevski or John Carter to partner Viduka up front in place of John Aloisi, who did not want to jeopardise a first-team spot with his Belgian club, Antwerp, by playing in the tournament.

Scheinflug emphasised that the eight players omitted from the final squad — Aloisi, Tom Pondeljak, Chad Gibson, Joel Marino, Zeljko Babic, Angelo Constanzo, Harry James, and Stuart McLaren — were still part of his plans for the 1995 championships, to be held in Nigeria, should Australia qualify.

THE FULL SQUAD IS:

Mark Viduka	(Melbourne Knights)
Con Anthopoulos	(South Melbourne)
Clint Bolton	(Brisbane Strikers)
Nick Lazarevski	(VIS)
Robert Middleby	(Newcastle Breakers)
Leslie Pogliacomi	(Marconi-Fairfield)
John Carter	(AIS)
Josip Skoko	(North Geelong)
Joe Vrkic	(Sydney United)
John Angelovski	(AIS)
Paul Bilokapic	(AIS)
Robert Enes	(Preston)
Dino Menillo	(Croydon)
Richard Plesa	(Sydney United)
Ian Pollari	(Marconi-Fairfield)
Mark Rudan	(Sydney United)
Ufuk Talay	(Marconi-Fairfield)
Andrew Vlahos	(Heidelberg United)

OCEANIA QUALIFIERS – THE DRAW –

24TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

Western Somoa	v	PNG
New Zealand	v	Vanuatu
Australia	v	Tahiti
Fiji	v	Solomon

26TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

New Zealand	v	W Somoa
Fiji	v	Tahiti
Vanuatu	v	PNG
Australia	v	Solomons

28TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

Solomon	v	Tahiti
Fiji	v	Australia
W Samoa	v	Vanuatu
New Zealand	v	PNG

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WARATAH CUP

Olympic dive over Dolphins into Cup Final

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC struggled against a defiant Warringah Dolphins in the Waratah Cup semi-final last Sunday at Wentworth Park, before stumbling to a 1-0 victory thanks to a sole goal by their newly signed 21-year-old striker, Joe Bacak.

Five minutes after the break Olympic stormed the Dolphin lines with a Norman Tome shot being kicked barely off the goal-line.

From the ensuing goalmouth scramble the ball flashed wide to Bakac who drilled into the target through a crowded box.

But Olympic who now face Bankstown City in the Cup Final on Saturday at Marconi Stadium, will need an urgent show of form reversal if they wish to take the Cup together with the NSW Federation's cheque of $50,000.

Despite Olympic's vast superiority of experience, they again failed to assert their authority against the Super League's courageous Dolphins.

The Dolphins' central defensive duo, Steve Hickman and Sean Scott proved most resilient to repeatedly blunt Olympic's attack.

In fact with a little luck, the Dolphins could have dived into this Saturday's Cup Final by pulling off a shock win with two second-half goals.

Vicente Estavillio: Olympic boss.

In the 79th minute, right midfielder Wayne Pierce found himself well inside Olympic's box. Instead of chipping to the far post towards two free Dolphin players, Pierce smashed towards the near post where Olympic's reliable goalkeeper, Mike Gibson, turned the point-blank effort away for a corner.

The Dolphins drowned their second chance in the dying seconds of the match when Gibson erroneously pushed the ball into the path the advancing Dolphin substitute, Jason Bennett.

The ball bounced off Bennett and flew just wide of a stranded Gibson and the left post.

Dolphins' coach, John Kosmina reflected after the match: "I was happy with all my blokes even though we had a bad spell midway through the second half.

"In the first minute of the second half we should have gone for goal once Sammy Panetta got himself in the box and elected to pass instead of having a go at goals.

"Our guys were just not used to the sustained pressure that you cop from an NSL side and we waited that extra second for someone to make up our minds for us when attacking," ended Kosmina.

Meanwhile, outside the winners' dressing rooms, Olympic's coach Vicente Estavillio quietly remarked: "Bakac did well as he has had to adjust to coming to Sydney and blending in with a new team.

"We still have Hugo Giminez, Glenn Johnson and Brad Maloney to come into the side for the NSL season.

"I think we will have a good match on Saturday in the Cup Final against Bankstown City as I have seen them play and they like to attack."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gibson, Barrett, Sorras, Spyridakos, Augerinos, Petratos, Milosevic, Tsekenis, Tome, Bakac, Poimer (Mendez 85th).
WARRINGAH DOLPHINS: Bloomfield, Lowe, Hickman, Scott, Segreto, Pierce, Etherington, Sharpley, Barbalace, Cleary (Bennett 68m), Panetta.
SCORER: Bakac 50th for Sydney Olympic.
REFEREE: Brett Hugo.
CROWD 1,280.

WARATAH CUP SEMI-FINAL MATCH

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS 2 WOLLONGONG CITY WOLVES 0

BY PAUL GOODWIN

Super League premiers Bankstown City demonstrated once more their supreme confidence derived from an all-conquering season, in defeating NSL side Wollongong City at Jensen Park on Sunday.

They were without four of their regulars, yet never really looked in any trouble against the quality opposition.

Bankstown hit the lead in the fifth minute.

They won a corner on the left and the ball fell to Scott Baillie wide on the right. He drove the ball towards goal in an apparently harmless manner, the ball appearing headed well wide of the mark, but Wolves defender Mineo Boniteg diverted the ball back into the top right corner in attempting to clear.

Bankstown were clearly on top for most of the game ad had chances to extend their lead in the 14th and 16th minutes, Scott Gilbert ending a strong run with a shot straight at the 'keeper and Soper sending Ozcan Celik away to be denied by a timely tackle.

In the 32nd minute it was 2-0.

A surging run by Scott Baillie through the middle culminated in a powerful shot which Brett Hughes dived full length across the goal in an attempt to save, managing only to fingertip the ball in the path of the fast closing Gilbert, who got there before a defender and drilled the ball into an empty net.

It was a typical piece of finishing by the Lions' striker, who has the striker's nose for goals and times his runs to perfection in capitalising on moves which require just a finishing touch.

This ability is well respected by his fellow-player who voted him Players' Player this year, an award which sits comfortably with his Best and Fairest trophy earned courtesy of votes by the referees.

With Gilbert's goal, the game looked even less likely to be lost by the home side which enjoyed excellent vocal support.

The Wolves enjoyed a better period of play in the last 15 minutes of the first half.

Sasha Dimoski put a shot over the bar in the 34th and Peter Murray headed wide at the left post in the 40th.

Then after an inspirational run by Claudi Cellini- clearly Wollongong's best on the day, the resultant cross went begging despite several heads going up as the ball flew across the face of goal in the 41st.

Richard Lloyd was busy in both penalty areas. He copped a whack in getting to the ball before Soper in the box in the 50th and headed over the bar at the opposite end in the 66th.

He was on hand to head against the Bankstown bar from a free-kick on the left in the 81st, the rebound being cleared comfortably by a defence missing Mark Reveley.

His stand-in, Ivan Zlomislic, did well enough to venture forward on occasions in the second half and it was only late in the game that 'Goalkeeper of the Year' Anthony Avellino was tested.

Avellino looked as safe as houses, cutting out a number of telling crosses and making an acrobatic dive to collect a crackerjack shot from the left by Vaughan Coveney in stoppage time.

Brett Hughes kept the deficit to two when he brilliantly saved from Petrovski at the foot of the post in the 73rd.

On this evidence Bankstown will really give Sydney Olympic a tough time in the Final.

BANKSTOWN CITY: Avellino, Souris, Zlomislic, Ralevski, Baillie, Jebraiel, Surjan, Todoroski, Gilbert, Soper (Joseski 84), Celik (Petrovski 57).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Hughes, Forshaw, O'Shea, Lloyd, Bourke, Horsley, Dimoski, Boniteg (Coveney 46), Ackers (Grbevski 46), Murray, Cellini.

REFEREE: Alex Spiroski.
SCORERS: Bankstown (Boniteg o.g. Gilbert)
YELLOW CARDS: Bankstown (George Souris, Scott Baillie) Wollongong (Martin Ackers).
ATTENDANCE: 1,225.

Saints march again

Former National League club St George, which played in the NSW first division last season, is applying to rejoin the elite NSW Super League next season.

A new club comittee made the decision late last week.

The committee also reappointed former Socceroo Peter Katholos as first grade coach and former coach Ilia Taka as team manager.

St George was dumped to the first division this season after failing to satisfy the NSW Soccer Federation's strict criteria.

Operating with a tight budget, the club rebuilded and the under-21s and 18s both won honours.

The first grade team came ninth after winning four of their last seven matches under the guidance of Katholos who took over after the halfway mark of the season.

The club's new committee is a mixture of former players, coaches and officials from the St George district's thriving junior ranks.

FINAL PREVIEW

BY PAUL GOODWIN

This weekend's Waratah Cup Final looks set to be a climactic affair and one which will bring in a bumper crowd.
A tussle between arguably the best supported clubs in the Super League and the National League respectively, should produce a classic comparison of styles on a spring afternoon.
Bankstown City have looked nigh-on-invincible all year in the NSW Super League and have carried the form through to this State-wide knock-out competition.
Several players missed the semi-final match with Wollongong, yet the Lions looked well in command against NSL opposition.
The guidance of experienced players like Marshall Soper, Zaya Jebraiel and Mendo Ralevski, plus the expected return from suspension of big defender Mark Reveley may be enough to give Bankstown the edge.
Sydney Olympic have been far from impressive in the qualifiers.
With the possible exception of Mike Gibson and Peter Tsekenis, they have looked below par and on these performances would have to start as the underdogs.
With an ounce of luck Warringah could have beaten them and they only scraped home against Parramatta Eagles and Southern Minotaurs.
It is hoped that an attractive early fixture can be organised featuring the NSW Under 23 side, as a curtain raiser to what promises to be the best Cup Final staged at the end of a NSW season.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

Waratah Cup Final

Bankstown City Lions

v

Sydney Olympic

Saturday September 24, Marconi Stadium, 5.30pm

Curtain Raiser

NSW Under-23's (Young Soccerblues) v Marconi.

Kick-off 3.30pm

WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

YUGOSLAVIA – DIVISION A
ROUND 5

Rad ..... 2 Zemun 1
Napredak ..... 0 Radnicki (Nis) 0
OFK Beograd ..... 0 Patizan 5
Crvena zvezda ..... 3 Rudar 1
Vojvodina ..... 2 Spartak 1

STANDINGS

Partizan	5	4	1	0	16.2	9
Vojvodina	5	3	2	0	11.7	8
Radnicki (Nis)	5	3	1	1	6.2	7
C.zvezda	5	2	2	1	8.5	6
Rad	5	2	1	2	4.5	5
OFK Beograd	5	2	1	2	4.10	5
Sparatak	5	1	2	2	5.6	4
Napredak	5	1	1	3	7.8	3
Rudar	5	1	0	4	4.10	2
Zemun	5	0	1	4	3.14	1

DIVISION B
ROUND 5

Hajduk ..... 2 Obilic 1
Lozinca ..... 2 Sutjeska 0
Radnicki ..... 0 Borac 3
Sloboda ..... 2 Proleter 1
Buducnost ..... 1 Becej 1

STANDINGS

Hajduk	5	4	1	0	9.4	9
Borac	5	4	0	1	13.3	8
Loznica	5	3	0	2	6.5	6
Sloboda	5	2	1	2	4.4	5
Becej	5	2	1	2	5.5	5
Buducnost	5	1	3	1	4.5	5
Proleter	5	1	2	2	4.5	4
Radnicki (NB)	5	2	0	3	3.6	4
Obilic	5	0	2	3	5.8	2
Sutjeska	5	0	2	3	4.12	2

CROATIA – FIRST DIVISION
ROUND 4

Hajduk ..... 5 Rijeka 2
Varteks ..... 2 Primorac 4
Croatia ..... 1 Cibalia 0
Marsonia ..... 2 Inker 1
Segesta ..... 4 Belisce 1
Neretva ..... 1 Istra 1
Osijek ..... 6 Zagreb 1
Zadar ..... 1 Sibenik 1

STANDINGS

Croatia	3	1	0	6.2	10
Osijek	2	2	0	9.3	8
Hajduk	2	2	0	10.6	8
Marsonia	2	2	0	5.1	8
Segesta	2	1	1	6.2	7
Inker	2	0	2	8.5	6
Sibenik	1	3	0	6.4	6
Varteks	2	0	2	6.6	6
Cibalia	2	0	2	2.2	6
Primorac	2	0	2	6.7	6
Istra	1	2	1	3.4	5
Zagreb	1	1	2	3.8	4
Zadar	0	3	1	4.5	3
Neretva	0	2	2	1.5	2
Rijeka	0	1	3	3.8	1
Belisce	0	0	4	3.13	0

GREEK FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Apollon ..... 2 Aris 0
Doxa Drama ..... 1 Panionios 1
Edessaikos ..... 1 Olympiakos 1
Ethnikos ..... 4 Kavala 0
Iraklis ..... 2 Athinaikos 0
Levadiakos ..... 1 OFI Crete 3
Xanthi ..... 2 Larissa 3
AEK ..... 4 PAOK 3
Ionikos vs Panathinaikos (played last night)

STANDINGS

OFI Crete	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Olympiakos	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Iraklis	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Panathinaikos	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
PAOK	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Ethnikos	3	1	2	0	6	2	5
AEK	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Edessaikos	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Aris	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Larissa	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Athinaikos	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Panionios	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Xanthi	3	1	0	2	6	6	3
Apollon	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Ionikos	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
Athinaikos	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Doxa Drama	3	1	1	2	2	5	1
Kavala	3	0	1	2	0	8	1
Levadiakos	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

GERMANY FIRST DIVISION
— September 16 —

Karlsruhe ..... 3 1860 Munich 1
Bochum ..... 1 Freiburg 3

— September 17 —

Bayer Uerdingen ..... 1 Kaiserslautern 3
Dynamo Dresden ..... 4 Duisburg 2
Bayer Leverkusen ..... 2 Borussia Dortmund . 2
Schalke ..... 3 Cologne 1
Bayern Munich ..... 1 Hamburg 1
Werder Bremen ..... 1 Borussia M'bach 0

— September 18 —

VfB Stuttgart ..... 4 Eintracht Frankfurt .. 1

STANDINGS

Werder Bremen	5	4	1	0	11	4	9
Borussia Dortmund	5	3	1	1	15	8	7
Karlsruhe	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
VfB Stuttgart	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
Bayern Munich	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
Kaserslautern	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
Freiburg	5	3	0	2	12	8	6
Schalke	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Hamburg	5	2	2	1	6	4	6
Bayer Leverkusen	5	2	1	2	11	7	5
Borussia M'gladbach	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Eintracht Frankfurt	5	1	2	2	6	10	4
Cologne	5	1	2	2	6	11	4
Dynamo Dresden	5	1	1	3	6	10	3
Bayer Uerdingen	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
Bochum	5	1	0	4	5	12	2
Duisburg	5	0	2	3	6	14	2
1860 Munich	5	0	1	4	2	11	1

FRANCE FIRST DIVISION
— September 17 —

Nantes ..... 3 Saint-Etienne 0
Cannes ..... 0 Martigues 1
Lens ..... 1 Le Havre 1
Strasbourg ..... 1 Caen 0
Monaco ..... 0 Rennes 0
Metz ..... 0 Nice 0
Sochaux ..... 1 Bordeaux 4
Bastia ..... 1 Montpellier 1

— September 18 —

Lyon ..... 2 Paris St-Germain 0
Auxerre ..... 2 Lille 0

STANDINGS

Nantes	9	6	3	0	18	9	21
Lyon	9	6	2	1	14	8	20
Lens	9	4	4	1	14	7	16
Cannes	9	5	1	3	14	8	16
Saint-Etienne	9	4	3	2	17	8	15
Strasbourg	9	4	3	2	14	8	15
Martigues	9	4	2	3	12	13	15
Bordeaux	9	4	2	3	11	10	14
Paris-SG	9	4	2	3	8	7	14
Auxerre	9	3	4	2	13	9	13
Rennes	9	3	4	2	10	11	13
Nice	9	3	3	3	10	9	12
Bastia	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Sochaux	9	3	1	5	10	15	10
Le Havre	9	1	5	3	7	11	8
Monaco	9	2	2	5	4	8	8
Lille	9	2	2	5	8	15	8
Metz	9	1	3	5	4	11	6
Montpellier	9	1	3	5	7	15	6
Caen	9	1	0	8	4	14	3

BELGIAN FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Aalst ..... 3 Anderlecht 6
Ostend ..... 2 Sint-Truiden 1
Cercle Brugge ..... 0 Antwerp 0
Ekeren ..... 1 Club Brugge 1
Lommel ..... 3 Seraing 1
Lierse ..... 3 Beveren 1
Molenbeek ..... 1 Charleroi 0
Ghent ..... 2 Mechelen 0
FC Liege ..... 1 Standard Liege 1

STANDINGS

Standard Liege	5	4	1	0	11	2	9
Lierse	5	4	0	1	16	8	8
Anderlecht	5	3	1	1	15	10	7
Club Brugge	5	2	2	1	10	6	6
Antwerp	5	2	2	1	9	6	6
Ekeren	5	1	3	1	9	7	5
Seraing	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
Ghent	5	2	1	2	8	9	5
Molenbeek	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Aalst	5	2	1	2	10	12	5
Cercle Brugge	5	2	1	2	4	7	5
Mechelen	5	2	0	3	6	8	4
Beveren	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Ostend	5	2	0	3	7	12	4
Sint-Truiden	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
Lommel	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
FC Liege	5	0	3	2	4	11	3
Charleroi	5	0	2	3	2	7	2

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Vitesse Arnhem ..... 1 Roda JC Kerkrade ... 1
RKC Waalwijk ..... 2 Sparta Rotterdam 2
FC Twente Enschede . 3 GAE Deventer 0
Volendam ..... 1 Heerenveen 2
Utrecht ..... 2 Groningen 1
MVV Maastricht ..... 3 Willem II Tilburg 0
PSV Eindhoven ..... 4 Dordrecht '90 0

STANDINGS

Utrecht	4	4	0	0	10	3	8
PSV Eindhoven	3	3	0	0	12	3	6
Twente Enschede	4	2	2	0	10	6	6
Ajax Amsterdam	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
MVV Maastricht	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
F Rotterdam	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
RKC Waalwijk	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Heerenveen	4	2	0	2	4	9	4
Volendam	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
NEC Nijmegen	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Roda JC Kerkrade	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
NAC Breda	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Groningen	4	1	0	3	7	9	2
Willem II Tilburg	4	1	0	3	3	7	2
Dordrecht '90	4	0	2	2	3	8	2
Vitesse Arnhem	4	0	2	2	3	10	2
Sparta Rotterdam	3	0	1	2	5	7	1
GAE Deventer	4	0	1	3	3	12	1

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Boavista ..... 2 Estrela Amadora 1
Braga ..... 3 Guimaraes 1
Beira Mar ..... 4 Chaves 2
Tirsense ..... 3 Farense 0
Salgueiros ..... 1 Belenenses 0
Uniao Madeira ..... 2 Gil Vicente 0
Uniao Leiria ..... 1 Benfica 0
Setubal ..... 2 Porto 3
Sporting ..... 2 Maritimo 0

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —
STANDINGS

Porto	4	4	0	0	10	2	8
Sporting	4	4	0	0	8	1	8
Benfica	4	3	0	1	5	1	6
Guimaraes	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Salgueiros	4	2	1	1	2	1	5
Maritimo	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Beira Mar	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Chaves	4	2	0	2	4	5	4
Boavista	4	2	0	2	5	7	4
Uniao Madeira	4	2	0	2	4	6	4
Tirsense	4	2	0	2	4	2	4
Belenenses	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Braga	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Uniao Leiria	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Estrela Amadora	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Farense	4	1	0	3	2	7	2
Setubal	4	0	1	3	6	9	1
Gil Vicente	4	0	1	3	1	5	1

SWISS FIRST DIVISION
— September 17 —

St Gallen ..... 2 Aarau 3
Lausanne ..... 4 Lugano 2
Lucerne ..... 2 Servette 1
Sion ..... 2 FC Zurich 1
Young Boys ..... 1 Basle 0

STANDINGS

Grasshopper	9	6	3	0	16	4	15
Lausanne	10	5	4	1	17	10	14
Neuchatel	9	5	2	2	14	10	12
Lucerne	9	6	0	3	15	16	12
Aarau	10	2	6	2	11	9	10
Lugano	9	3	3	3	12	8	9
Sion	10	4	1	5	16	19	9
Servette	10	2	4	4	9	11	8
St Gallen	10	1	6	3	10	13	8
FC Zurich	10	1	5	4	7	15	7
Basle	10	1	4	5	5	7	6
Young Boys	10	2	2	6	9	19	6

POLISH FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Sokol Pniewy ..... 1 Legia Warszawa 0
Gornik Zabrze ..... 1 Rakow Czestochowa 0
GKS Katowice ..... 1 Stomil Olsztyn 0
Petrochemia Plock ..... 1 Stal Stalowa Wola 0
Stal Mielec ..... 2 Warta Poznan 0
Pogon Szczecin ..... 3 Zaglebie Lubin 0
Lech Poznan ..... 2 Ruch Chorzow 0
Olimpia Poznan ..... 3 Hutnik Krakow 1
LKS Lodz ..... 2 Widzew Lodz 4

LUXEMBOURG FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

F91 Dudelange ..... 3 S Luxembourg 0
Avenir Beggen ..... 4 CS Petange 1
Wormeldange ..... 1 U Luxembourg 0
FC Wiltz ..... 0 CS Grevenmacher ... 2
Jeunesse Esch ..... 2 Swift Hesperange 0
Aris Bonnevoie ..... 1 R B Differdange 3

JAPANESE J.LEAGUE
— September 14 —

Yokohama Marinos .... 0 Gamba Osaka 0
after extra time
(Yokohama Marinos won 4-3 on penalties)
Verdy Kawasaki ..... 3 Yokohama Flugels ... 2
Sanfrecce Hiroshima . 1 JEF Ichihara 0
after extra time
Jubilo Iwata ..... 3 Bellmare Hiratsuka .. 1
Kashima Antlers ..... 2 Urawa Reds 0
Shimizu S-Pulse ..... 2 Nagoya Grampus 1

— September 17 —

Verdy Kawasaki ..... 3 Urawa Reds 1
Nagoya Grampus ..... 3 JEF Ichihara 1
Jubilo Iwata ..... 0 Sanfrecce H'shima .. 0
after extra time
(Jubilo Iwata won 4-3 on penalties)
Bellmare Hiratsuka .... 3 Kashima Antlers 1
Yokohama Flugels ..... 1 Yokohama Marinos .. 0
Gamba Osaka ..... 1 Shimizu S-Pulse 0

STANDINGS

Verdy Kawasaki	11	9	2	25	15	18
Bellmare Hiratsuka	11	8	3	26	14	16
Yokohama Marinos	11	8	3	19	9	16
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	11	6	5	16	15	12
Jubilo Iwata	11	6	5	15	22	12
Kashima Antlers	11	5	6	21	16	10
Yokohama Flugels	11	5	6	17	16	10
Shimizu S-Pulse	11	5	6	9	12	10
JEF Ichihara	11	4	7	22	26	8
Nagoya Grampus	11	4	7	19	25	8
Urawa Reds	11	4	7	13	23	8
Gamba Osaka	11	2	9	11	20	4

SOUTH KOREAN
— September 15 —

POSCO ..... 0 Hyundai 0
(halftime 0-0)
Daewoo ..... 3 Chonbuk 2
(halftime 1-1)

STANDINGS

Ilhwa	11	7	3	29	18	40
POSCO	9	10	4	34	23	37
Hyundai	8	11	3	25	18	35
LG	8	6	7	37	34	30
Yukong	7	7	6	25	21	28
Daewoo	4	6	13	31	46	18
Chonbuk	3	5	14	25	45	14

Italians crash in Europe

PARMA UNDERESTIMATE VITESSE

Star-studded fellow Italians Parma lost 1-0 in the Netherlands to Vitesse Arnhem, Hans Gillhaus scoring the 51st minute winner.

Parma with World Cup stars like Dino Baggio, Tomas Brolin and Roberto Sensini, clearly underestimated the provincial Dutch side, which lost 5-0 to Ajax Amsterdam on Sunday.

UEFA CUP

BERGKAMP SAVES INTER

A penalty by Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp 15 minutes from time gave Internazionale a 1-0 win over England's Aston Villa in their UEFA Cup first round first-leg cup-tie last week.

Bergkamp, who netted eight times in the competition last season, stepped up to slot home from the spot after veteran goalkeeper Nigel Spink had brought down Inter's Uruguayan striker Ruben Sosa. The penalty was a welcome boost for the Italians who had failed to make much of an impression on the English defence until that point. Spink, who gave a memorable display as the substitute goalkeeper back in 1982 when Villa beat Bayern Munich to lift the European Cup, appeared favourite to win the race with Sosa from Nicola Berti's through pass. But Sosa got to the ball just before the 36-year-old goalkeeper and Spink caught the Uruguayan's ankles with his outstretched hands.

CSKA STUN JUVENTUS

Bulgaria's CSKA upset Juventus' UEFA Cup campaign last week with a surprise 3-2 defeat in Sofia.

New boy Petar Mihtarski grabbed the winning CSKA goal in its first round first-leg match eight minutes from time with a 20 metre free-kick.

But Juventus coach Marcello Lippi, missing key players like Roberto Baggio through injury, said: "I think we played well despite the loss."

Roberto Baggio: Juventus' shock 3-2 loss to CSKA Sofia was mainly due to an injury to Baggio.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

SAMPDORIA SHOCK LOSERS

Norwegian part-timers Bodoe Glimt pulled off a shock 3-2 win last week over Italian giants Sampdoria in their Cup Winners' Cup first round first-leg tie.

Midfielder Tom Kaare Staurvik, one of only two full-time professionals in the Bodoe ranks, gave his team a first minute lead when he thrashed a free-kick past goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

Sampdoria, which won the trophy in 1990 and are among the favourites this time, went two down in the 32nd minute as striker Bent Inge Johnsen grabbed the first of his two goals.

Johnsen rounded the on-rushing Zenga and calmly slotted into an empty net with the Sampdoria defence nowhere to be seen.

The game had been switched from Bodoe, situated above the Arctic circle, to the capital Oslo but conditions were very difficult with heavy rain driven by a freezing northerly wind.

Sampdoria got back into the game when Mauro Bertarelli headed a simple goal in the 46th minute.

But the Genoese fell further behind in the 58th minute when Johnsen netted his second, taking advantage of a bad error by defender Moreno Mannini to sidefoot into the net.

England captain David Platt reduced the deficit 10 minutes later with a powerful header and Attilio Lombardo and Riccardo Ferri both hit the bar for Sampdoria in a frantic finale.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

AJAX SUPERIOR AGAINST MILAN

Ajax took its chances in driving rain to beat Italian title holder AC Milan 2-0 in last week's top European Champions League first-round clash.

The goals came in the second-half, with Ronald de Boer opening the scoring six minutes after the break and flying Finn Jari Litmanen hitting the second from a Marc Overmars cross 13 minutes from time.

Depleted Milan, which has had to deal with an avalanche of injuries and suspensions, rarely looked likely to challenge Ajax goalkeeper Edwin Van der Sar.

Star frontrunner Ruud Gullit had a quiet match as did Dejan Savicevic, while the absence of injured French international Marcel Desailly and Marco Van Basten, and the suspended Tassotti, Panucci, Albertini and Massaro, left gaps which the Dutch were quick to exploit.

Zvonimir Boban: His desperate efforts were still unable to give Milan victory against Ajax. They lost 2-0.

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

Deportivo lead the pack

FIRST DIVISION
— September 18 —

Valencia	2	Tenerife	1
Atletico Madrid	2	Real Sociedad	1
Real Zaragoza	2	Real Oviedo	1
Compostela	1	Real Valladolid	0
Espanol	0	Barcelona	0
Racing Santander	1	Dep. Coruna	2
Sporting Gijon	0	Celta	0
Athletic Bilbao	1	Real Betis	0
Albacete	1	Real Madrid	1
Sevilla	1	Logrones	0

STANDINGS

Deportivo Coruna	3	3	0	0	6	2 6
Espanol	3	2	1	0	8	2 5
Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	7	2 5
Real Zaragoza	3	2	1	0	6	4 5
Valencia	3	2	0	1	6	4 4
Sevilla	3	2	0	1	3	4 4
Real Betis	3	1	1	1	4	2 3
Tenerife	3	1	1	1	4	4 3
Barcelona	3	1	1	1	3	3 3
Sporting Gijon	3	1	1	1	3	3 3
Celta	3	0	3	0	2	2 3
Compostela	3	1	1	1	3	4 3
Athletic Bilbao	3	1	1	1	2	3 3
Real Sociedad	3	1	0	2	4	4 2
Atletico Madrid	3	1	0	2	4	6 2
Albacete	3	0	2	1	3	6 2
Racing Santander	3	0	1	2	2	4 1
Real Oviedo	3	0	1	2	5	8 1
Logrones	3	0	1	2	0	3 1
Real Valladolid	3	0	1	2	0	5 1

Deportivo Coruna moved a point clear at the top of the Spanish First Division on Sunday with a 2-1 away win over Racing Santander to make it three wins in three games.

Real Madrid were held to a 1-1 draw at Albacete and dropped their first point of the season in a game in which both sides finished with 10 men.

Madrid's Luis Enrique was sent off in the 24th minute for his second bookable offence and Albacete's Antonio Lopez was given his marching orders in the 76th minute for a foul on Fernando Hierro.

Real Madrid are among three clubs bracketed together behind Deportivo on five points from three games.

Espanol, who drew 0-0 at home to title-holders Barcelona yesterday, have the edge on goal difference ahead of Real Madrid and Real Zaragoza, 2-1 victors over Real Oviedo on Sunday.

Deportivo, playing without their three foreign internationals, went behind in the 24th minute when David Villabona scored for Santander.

Brazilian Mauro Silva has been ruled out for four months due to injury and compatriot Bebeto has gone back temporarily to Brazil.

Bulgarian Emil Kostadinov was not fielded by trainer Arsenio Iglesias.

Spanish international Julio Salinas, making his debut for Deportivo after his transfer from Barcelona, equalised in the 45th minute and Javier Manjarin made it 2-1 just five minutes before the final whistle.

Both goals at Albacete came in the last 10 minutes.

Real Madrid defender Manuel Sanchis got the first in the 82nd minute and three minutes later Albacete's 21-year-old midfielder Oscar Garcia made it 1-1.

Real Zaragoza's Argentine striker Juan Esnaider scored twice in seven minutes midway through the first half to lead his team to victory over Real Oviedo. Oviedo's goal was scored by Carlos Munoz in the 69th minute.

ESPANOL 0 BARCELONA 0

Spanish First Division newcomers Espanol were held to a goalless draw by last season's champions Barcelona on Sunday.

Promoted from the Second Division last season, Espanol had a goal disallowed and were unfortunate not to win against their Catalan neighbours.

Espanol's Jose Pacheta headed the ball into the net in the fifth minute when he rose high above the defence but the goal was disallowed because of a foul on Dutch defender Ronald Koeman.

The home team continued to pile on the pressure while the Barcelona forward line seemed to have little to offer in return.

Romanian Gheorghe Hagi, on his debut for Barcelona, created the only real attacking opportunities and in the 41st minute beat the defence only to see his shot tipped over the bar.

EUROPEAN CUP BARCELONA 2 GALATASARAY 1

Spanish champions Barcelona successfully negotiated the first test of its new European Cup campaign with a 2-1 win over Galatasaray in the Champions' League Group A last week.

A classic Ronald Koeman free kick in the 30th minute and a deflected shot from Guillermo Amor after five minutes of the second half countered an opening 14th minute strike by Kibilay Turkyilmaz.

Although last season's beaten finalists had more of the play for most of the 90 minutes, Galatasaray made them struggle all the way and Dutch coach Johan Cruyff's team could not relax right up to the final whistle.

The most worrying spell for Barcelona came in the final quarter of an hour when Brazilian striker Romario was reduced to a passenger by an ankle injury after Cruyff had made his two permitted substitutions.

The Turks, beaten 3-0 last season at the Nou Camp stadium, showed they are a more formidable proposition this year with positive play from the start.

It was no great surprise when they went ahead just before the quarter hour when Saffet Sancakli pulled wide of Koeman and passed to Turkyilmaz, who beat Carlos Busquets with a left-foot shot.

Barcelona came back to the attack with determination and Galatasaray goalkeeper Gintaras Stauche had to make saves from Romario and Sergi Barjuan.

On 30 minutes a foul just outside the penalty area brought a Barcelona free kick in a position made to measure for Koeman.

The blond Dutchman hooked a right-footer head-high through the wall and into the corner of the net with Stauche barely having time to move.

Barcelona's pressure always looked likely to bring a second goal and, although Amor's 50th minute shot took a wicked deflection off a Turkish defender, the Spanish club's victory was deserved, even though narrowly.

THE CREAM OF EUROPE

UEFA CUP

FIRST ROUND – FIRST LEG

In Bucharest: Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 2 Charleroi (Belgium) 0 (halftime 1-0)
Scorers: Iulian Chirita (18th minute), Ion Vladoiu (70th)
Attendance: 12,000

In Oporto: Boavista (Portugal) 2 MyPa (Finland) 1 (1-1)
Scorers:
Boavista - Artur Oliveira (2nd), Nuno Gomes (53rd)
MyPa - Saku Laaksonen (42nd)
Attendance: 2,000

In Moscow: Tekstilchik Kamychine (Russia) 6 Bekescsabai (Hungary) 1 (1-1)
Scorers:
Tekstilshchik - Yuri Gusakov (38th), Sergei Polstyanov (55th and 90th), Sergei Volgin (58th), Vladimir Fillipov (80th and 90th)
Bekescsabai - Yanos Tarbash (15th).
Attendance: 1,000

In Tbilisi: Dynamo Tbilisi (Georgia) 1 Innsbruck (Austria) 0 (1-0)
Scorer: Revaz Arveladze (40th)
Attendance: 45,000

In Sofia: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 3 Juventus (Italy) 2 (1-1)
Scorers:
CSKA - Petar Mihtarski (44th and 82nd), Milen Radukanov (70th)
Juventus - Sergio Porrini (39th), Alex Del Piero (76th)
Attendance: 15,000

In Enschede: FC Twente Enschede (Netherlands) 1 Kispest Honved (Hungary) 4 (1-1)
Scorers:
Twente - Michael Mols (38th)
Honved - Kalman Kovacs (20th, 51st, 74th) Istvan Hamar (86th)
Attendance: 19,000

In Volgograd: Rotor Volgograd (Russia) 3 Nantes (France) 2 (1-1)
Scorers:
Rotor - Gerashchenko (42nd), Nechayev (65th), Veretennikov (76th)
Nantes - Oueddeck (28th), N'Doram (83rd)
Attendance: 30,000

In Bratislava: Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 1 FC Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 (0-0)
Scorer: Robert Tomaschek (76th minute)
Attendence: 7,570

In Istanbul: Trabzonspor (Turkey) 2 Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 1 (2-1)
Scorers:
Trabzonspor - Orhan Kaynak (7th), Soner Boz (19th)
Dinamo Bucharest - Marian Ivan (29th)
Attendance: 20,000

In Larnaca: Anorthosis (Cyprus) 2 Athletic Bilboa (Spain) 0 (2-0)
Scorers: Sinisa Gogic (6th), Michalis Tamboris (41st)
Attendance: 3,000

In Dortmund: Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Motherwell (Scotland) 0 (0-0)
Scorer: Andreas Moeller (58th)
Attendance: 36,200

In Katowice: GKS Katowice (Poland) 1 Aris Salonika (Greece) 0 (1-0)
Scorer: Krzysztof Maciejewski (20th, penalty)
Attendance: 8,000

In Stockholm: AIK Solna (Sweden) 0 Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 0
Attendance: 3,190

In Arnhem: Vitesse Arnhem (Netherlands) 1 Parma (Italy) 0 (0-0)
Scorer: Hans Gillhaus (51st)
Attendance: 13,000

In Bordeaux: Bordeaux (France) 3 Lillestrom (Norway) 1 (2-1)
Scorers:
Bordeaux - Christophe Dugarry (4th), Ronnie Johnsen (37th, own goal), Richard Witschge (84th)
Lillestrom - Gaetan Huard (5th, own goal)
Attendance: 15,000

In Cannes: Cannes (France) 4 Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0 (0-0)
Scorers: Franck Durix (49th, penalty), Adiran Kozniku (56th, 80th), Christophe Horlaville (67th). Attendance: 12,000

In Antwerp: Antwerp (Belgium) 0 Newcastle (England) 5 (0-3)
Scorers: Robert Lee (1st, 8th, 51st), Scott Sellars (39th), Steve Watson (78th)
Attendance: 13,000

In Vienna: Admira Wacker (Austria) 4 Gornik Zabrze (Poland) 2 (2-2)
Scorers:
Admira Wacker - Herbert Gager (7th and 60th, both penalties), Andreas Schiener (18th), Laszlo Klausz (66th), T Waldoch (90th) Gornik Zabrze - Marek Szemonski (26th), Andrzej Orzeszek (44th)
Attendance: 1,500

In Minsk: Dynamo Minsk (Belarus) 0 Lazio (Italy) 0. Attendance: 17,000

In Limassol: Apollon (Cyprus) 1 FC Sion (Switzerland) 3 (1-0)
Scorers: Apollon - Slobodan Krcmarevic (36th)
FC Sion - Christophe Bonvin (70th), Marcus Marin (83th, 85th)
Attendance: 4,000

In Leverkusen: Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 5 PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 4 (4-2)
Scorers: Bayer Leverkusen - Ulf Kirsten (5th, 16th, 41st), Thomas Dooley (14th), Bernd Schuster (73rd)
PSV Eindhoven - Ronaldo (11th, 45th, 61st), Luc Nilis (88th)
Attendance: 16,000

In Aarau: Aarau (Switzerland) 0 Maritimo Funchal (Portugal) 0
Attendance: 5,400

In Seraing: Seraing (Belgium) 3 Dynamo Moscow (Russia) 4 (0-3)
Scorers: Seraing - Wamberto Sousa Campos (67th), Marc Schaessens (75th), Edmilson Paulo da Silva (90th)
Dynamo Moscow - Alexander Smirnov (18th), Dmitri Cherychev (25th, 61st), Igor Simutenkov (penalty, 44th)
Attendance: 3,500

In Athens Olympiakos (Greece) 1 Marseille (France) 2 (0-1)
Scorers: Olympiakos - Ilia Ivic (57th)
Marseille - Jean-Marc Ferrer (31st), Jean-Cristophe Marquet (79th)
Attendance: 40,000

In Naples: Napoli (Italy) 2 Skonto Riga (Latvia) 0 (1-0)
Scorer: Benito Carbone (penalty 30th, 49th)
Attendance: 12,000

In Belfast: Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1 Odense BK (Denmark) 1 (0-0)
Scorers: Linfield - Mark Anderson (86th)
Odense BK - Michael Schjonberg (46th)
Attendance: 3,585

In Blackburn: Blackburn Rovers (England) 0 Trelleborgs (Sweden) 1 (0-0)
Scorer: Fredrik Sandell (71st)
Attendance: 13,775

In Madrid: Real Madrid (Spain) 1 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0 (1-0)
Scorer: Martin Vazquez (11th)
Attendance: 80,000

In Lerkendal: Rosenborg (Norway) 1 Deportivo La Coruna (Spain) 0 (0-0)
Scorer: Karl-Petter Loeken (52nd)
Attendance 5,281

In Akranes: Kaiserslautern (Germany) 4 Akranes (Iceland) 0 (0-2)
Scorers: Matthias Hammann (32nd), Dirk Anders (43rd), Stefan Kuntz (51st), Pavel Kuka (58th). Attendance: 2,550

In Milan: Internazionale (Italy) 1 Aston Villa (England) 0 (0-0)
Scorer: Dennis Bergkamp (75th, penalty)
Attendance: 25,000

In Ljubljana: SCT Olimpija (Slovenia) 1 Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany) 1 (1-0)
Scorers: Olimpija - Ermin Siljak (3rd)
Eintracht Frankfurt - Thorsten Legat (84th)
Attendance: 3.000

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

GROUP A

In Manchester: Manchester United (England) 4 IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 2 (halftime 1-1)
Scorers: Manchester United - Ryan Giggs (33rd and 65th minutes), Andrei Kanchelskis (48th), Lee Sharpe (70th)
IFK Gothenburg - Stefan Petterson (27th), Stefan Rehn (50th)
Attendance: 33,625

In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 2 Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 (1-1)
Scorers: Barcelona - Ronald Koeman (31st), Guillermo Amor (50th)
Galatasaray - Kubilay Turkyilmaz (14th)
Attendence: 76,000

GROUP B

In Kiev: Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 3 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 2 (0-2)
Scorers: Dynamo Kiev - Viktor Leonenko (48th, 76th), Sergei Rebrov (86th)
Spartak Moscow - Nikolai Pisarev (12th), Andrei Tikhonov (38th)
Attendance: 90,000

In Paris: Paris St Germain (France) 2 Bayern Munich (Germany) 0 (1-0)
Scorers: George Weah (40th), Daniel Bravo (83rd)
Attendance: 36,924

GROUP C

In Split: Hajduk S. (Croatia) 0 Benfica (Portugal) 0
Attendance: 35,000

In Brussels: Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0. Attendance: 16,000

GROUP D

In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 2 AC Milan (Italy) 0 (0-0)
Scorers: Ronald de Boer (50th) Jari Litmanen (64th)
Attendance: 42,500

In Vienna: Austria Salzburg (Austria) 0 AEK Athens (Greece) 0. Attendance 25,000

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Bistrita: Gloria Bistrita (Romania) 2 Real Zaragoza (Spain) 1 (halftime 0-1)
Scorers:
Gloria Bistrita - Marius Raduta (51st min), Adrian Lungu (54th)
Real Zaragoza - Esnaider (43rd)
Attendance: 13,000

In Zagreb: Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) 3 Auxerre (France) 1 (2-1)
Scorers:
Croatia - Josko Jelicic (2nd), Zvonimir Soldo (40th), Igor Pamic (65th)
Auxerre - Bernard Diomede (21st)
Attendance: 18,000

In Vilnius: Zhalgiris Vilnius (Lithuania) 1 Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 1 (0-1)
Scorers:
Zhalgiris - Andrius Tereskinas (87th)
Feyenoord - Henryk Larsson (9th)
Attendance: 11,000

In Moscow: CSKA Moscow (Russia) 2 Ferencvaros (Hungary) 1 (0-0)
Scorers:
CSKA - Sergei Mamchur (50th), Oleg Sergeyev (58th)
Ferencvaros - Kenneth Christiansen (58th)
Attendance: 6,000

In Nicosia: Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 1 Arsenal (England) 3 (0-1)
Scorers:
Omonia - Costas Malekkos (72nd)
Arsenal - Paul Merson (37th, 78th), Ian Wright (50th)
Attendance: 14,500

In Istanbul: Besiktas (Turkey) 2 HJK Helsinki (Finland) 0 (2-0)
Scorers: Oktay (28th), Ertugrul (36th, penalty)
Attendance: 35,000

In Copenhagen: Brondby (Denmark) 3 Tirana (Albania) 0 (1-0)
Scorers: Brian Jensen (19th penalty), Bo Hansen (56th), Ole Bjur (66th)
Attendance: 6,035

In Zurich: Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 3 Chernomorets Odessa (Ukraine) 0 (1-0)
Scorers: Thomas Bickel (41st), Marcel Koller (52nd), Nestor Subiat (85th)
Attendance: 3,600

In Sligo: Sligo Rovers (Ireland) 1 Club Brugge (Belgium) 2 (1-1)
Scorers:
Sligo - Kenny (44th)
Brugge - Sven Vermant (10th), Gert Verheyen (63rd)
Attendance: 6,000

In Dundee: Dundee United (Scotland) 3 Tatran Presov (Slovakia) 2 (1-2)
Scorers:
Dundee United - Gordan Petric (16th), Jerren Nixon (66th), David Hannah (69th)
Tatran Presov - Marian Skalka (10th), Vadislav Zvara (41st, penalty)
Attendance: 9,454

In Oslo: Bodoe Glimt (Norway) 3 Sampdoria (Italy) 2 (2-0)
Scorers:
Bodoe - Tom Kaare Staurvik (1st), Bent Inge Johnsen (32nd and 58th)
Sampdoria - Mauro Bertarelli (46th), David Platt (68th)
Attendance: 2,015

In London: Chelsea (England) 4 Viktoria Zizkov (Czech Republic) 2 (2-2)
Scorers:
Chelsea - Paul Furlong (2nd), Frank Sinclair (4th), David Rocastle (52nd), Dennis Wise (69th)
Viktoria - Jozef Majoroe (35th, 41st)
Attendance: 22,036

In Oporto: Porto (Portugal) 2 LKS Lodz (Poland) 0 (0-0)
Scorers: Domingos Oliveira (72nd) Rui Barros (77th)
Attendance: 25,000

In Maribor: Maribor Branik (Slovenia) 1 Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 (0-1)

In Tel Aviv: Maccabit Tel Aviv (Israel) 0 Werder Bremen (Germany) 0.
Attendance: 12,000

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

MULLER REFUSES EVERTON SALARY

Brazilian striker Muller walked out of Everton last week, refusing to sign for the English Premier League club after a dispute over his pay.

Everton, who had agreed to a $A5.30 million fee for the 28-year-old Muller with his club Sao Paulo, said they had failed to reach an agreement over personal terms.

Muller, spent seven hours in negotiations with the club but refused to sign after learning the salary offered by Everton was pre-tax.

Everton chairman Peter Johnson, flanked by manager Mike Walker, said: "Regrettably we have to advise that the signing of Muller will now not take place. Differences unfortunately arose because of the interpretation of the UK tax regulations."

Johnson said Muller and his advisers thought the gross salary in his contract was in fact the net fee.

"In spite of everyone involved attempting to resolve the situation it is quite apparent that there is no ready solution and the player and his advisers will now return to Brazil immediately," added Johnson.

GERMAN RACISTS TARGET BRAZILIAN

Brazilian defender Julio Cesar says Germany is the most racist country he has played in.

"I've played everywhere in the world and I've never had trouble before. This is unthinkable," the 31-year-old said of the constant taunts he has had to endure since joining Borussia Dortmund from Italian side Juventus last month.

Cesar, capped 61 times by Brazil, said he was turned away from a disco last week and his Dortmund coach Ottmar Hitzfeld agreed the player had been made the target of racists.

Borussia is worried because Cesar's contract has a get-out clause which allows him to leave if he or his family are subject to racial abuse, Borussia general manager Michael Meier revealed.

Last year Chancellor Kohl had to apologise to President Clinton when a US Olympic luge competitor was beaten up in a disco when he went to the help of a black team-mate.

OLYMPIAKOS LOSE COACH

Nikos Alefantos has resigned as coach of Olympiakos of Pireaus following a 2-1 UEFA Cup loss to Olympique Marseille, the club announced on the weekend.

He was replaced on an interim basis by Nikos Youtsos, a former Olympiakos player.

The club said both had mutually agreed to terminate their relationship.

Alefantos' resignation came after Tuesday's loss at home in a first-round, first-leg match in the the annual pan-European club tournament.

Olympiakos finished third last season, 11 points behind AEK of Athens.

Enzo Scifo: The Belgian playmaker is apparently unsettled at French club Monaco.

DESPERATE MONACO SACK COACH

Monaco, fourth from bottom after starting as favourites for the French league title, sacked coach Arsene Wenger on the weekend.

Club president Jean-Louis Campora refused to comment on speculation they were trying to sign US national coach Bora Milutinovic as a replacement.

Wenger turned down a move to German champion Bayern Munich last season.

Monaco has won two and drawn one of its first eight matches.

It sold German forward Jurgen Klinsmann to Tottenham in the summer but his Brazilian replacement Sonny Andersson has been out with torn knee ligaments since the second match.

Belgian playmaker Enzo Scifo is unsettled and Youri Djorkaeff fractured a vertebrae in training last week.

Wenger has been at Monaco since 1987. Monaco won the league in 1988, was European Cup Winners' Cup finalists in 1990 and Champions' League semi-finalists last year when it replaced suspended Olympique Marseille.

CHINESE STARS INVADE SAMPDORIA

China is aiming to get to the top in soccer by sending its players to the Italian league — the toughest in the world.

China's top young players are being lined up for a mass transfer to Italy, according to an Italian soccer club representative.

Enrico Ercolani, head of international relations for Sampdoria who toured China in May, said he had negotiations during the tour and received a letter this week saying China is interested in sending 20 players to Italy's youth league.

The young Chinese stars are being lined up to go to the Genoa side who would look after them.

Ercolani, who arranged a similar deal for the Indonesian youth team two years ago, said: "The Italian federation have given us permission to bring a second Asian country to Italy to compete in the youth league and we are considering a number of options."

China already has an under 16 squad in Brazil, but Ercolani expects them to switch to the Italian league to be ready for the start of next season.

Indonesia will return to Genoa with a 28-strong squad to play in the Under 19 championship for Italian first and second division sides and an Under 17 league.

A group of Indonesian oil businessmen, led by Nirwan Bakrie, raised around $A945,000 for the first year of the two year project.

WORLD RANKINGS

The monthly FIFA World Rankings of national teams for September (teams inactive since 1988 and newly recognized federations who have not yet played a full international are not listed; previous rank in parentheses):

1 Brazil, ...66.17 points (1).
2 Italy, ...62.39 (2).
3 Sweden, ...61.90 (3).
4 Germany, ...61.25 (4).
5 Netherlands, ...60.93 (5).
6 Spain, ...59.78 (6).
7 Romania, ...57.65 (7).
8 Norway, ...57.10 (8).
9 Argentina, ...56.92 (9).
10 Nigeria, ...55.80 (10).
11 Switzerland, ...55.68 (11).
12 Ireland, ...54.28 (13).
13 Denmark, ...53.28 (12).
14 Bulgaria, ...53.23 (14).
15 Colombia, ...52.74 (17).
16 Mexico, ...52.43 (15).
17 Russia, ...52.04 (19).
18 England, ...51.31 (18).
19 Belgium, ...50.51 (20).
20 France, ...49.90 (16).
21 Zambia, ...48.67 (21).
22 United States, ...47.67 (22).
23 Ivory Coast, ...46.51 (24).
24 Portugal, ...46.02 (25).
25 Egypt, ...44.77 (26).
26 Ghana, ...44.26 (28).
27 Tunisia, ...42.96 (31).
28 Cameroon, ...42.89 (27).
29 Saudi Arabia, ...42.87 (29).
30 Morocco, ...41.99 (30).
31 Scotland, ...41.93 (33).
32 Greece, ...41.72 (34).
33 Poland, ...40.29 (32).
34 Wales, ...39.89 (35).
35 Czech Republic, ...39.88 (44).
36 Uruguay, ...38.90 (23).
37 Iceland, ...38.82 (42).
38 South Korea, ...38.55 (36).
39 Turkey, ...37.62 (57).
40 Austria, ...37.59 (37).
41 Japan, ...37.40 (38).
42 Slovakia, ...36.44 (43).
43 Chile, ...36.27 (40).
44 Bolivia, ...35.53 (41).
45 Northern Ireland, ...35.11 (39).
46 Zimbabwe, ...34.93 (49).
47 Finland, ...34.87 (45).
48 Israel, ...33.65 (52).
49 Mali, ...33.35 (50).
50 Algeria, ...32.44 (48).
51 Honduras, ...32.37 (51).
52 Australia, ...32.22 (47).
53 Ecuador, ...32.19 (46).
54 Hungary, ...32.04 (55).
55 Senegal, ...30.68 (56).
56 Costa Rica, ...30.57 (54).
57 Canada, ...29.90 (53).
58 Lithuania, ...28.36 (84).
59 United Arab Emirates, ...27.84 (59).
60 Zaire, ...24.95 (60).
61 Guinea, ...25.63 (61).
62 China, ...24.41 (62).
63 Iran, ...24.26 (63).
64 Sierre Leone, ...24.25 (65).
65 Peru, ...24.04 (72).
66 Malta, ...23.60 (69).
67 South Africa, ...23.52 (74).
68 El Salvador, ...23.43 (66).
69 Slovenia, ...23.30 (75).
70 Latvia, ...23.27 (86).
71 Qatar, ...23.10 (67).
72 Cyprus, ...22.02 (71).
73 Croatia, ...22.93 (90).
74 Niger, ...22.91 (76).
75 Gabon, ...22.61 (64).
76 Iraq, ...22.56 (68)
77 North Korea, ...22.55 (70)
78 Kuwait, ...21.79 (73).
79 Ukraine, ...21.11 (79).
80 Oman, ...20.09 (77).
81 Paraguay, ...19.99 (58).
82 Thailand, ...19.05 (81).
83 Yugoslavia, ...18.38 (78).
84 Malawi, ...18.26 (85).
85 Trinidad and Tobago, ...17.96 (83).
86 Jamaica, ...17.83 (80).
(tie), Kenya, ...17.83 (82).
88 Singapore, ...17.62 (87).
89 Tanzania, ...16.69 (99).
90 Burkina Faso, ...16.46 (100).
91 Bermuda, ...16.05 (89).
92 Bahrain, ...15.39 (91).
93 New Zealand, ...15.33 (88).
94 Malaysia, ...15.02 (93).
95 Surinam, ...14.75 (92).
96 Syria, ...13.98 (96).
97 Venezuela, ...13.77 (95).
98 Barbados, ...13.61 (97).
99 Jordan, ...13.53 (98).
100 Georgia, ...13.22 (124).
101 Gambia, ...13.07 (108).
102 Albania, ...12.65 (101).
103 Madagascar, ...12.62 (102).
104 Puerto Rico, ...12.49 (103).
105 Macedonia, ...12.30 (117).
106 Mozambique, ...11.24 (109).
107 Ethiopia, ...12.07 (114).
108 Fiji, ...11.88 (94).
109 Yemen, ...11.82 (106).
110 Hong Kong, ...11.75 (107).
111 Angola, ...11.64 (123).
112 Congo, ...11.44 (110).
113 India, ...11.43 (105).
114 Togo, ...10.95 (122).
115 Burundi, ...10.86 (112).
116 Estonia, ...10.84 (111).
117 Swaziland, ...10.79 (113).
118 Uguanda, ...10.78 (104).
119 Guinea-Bissau, ...10.68 (115).
120 Luxembourg, ...10.01 (116).
121 Lebanon, ...9.57 (118).
122 Burma, ...9.35 (119).
123 Antigua, ...9.14 (120).
124 Haiti, ...8.90 (121).
125 Sudan, ...8.58 (132).
126 Liberia, ...8.34 (136).
127 Indonesia, ...8.26 (125).
128 Faeroe Islands, ...8.16 (127).
129 Bangladesh, ...8.01 (126).
130 Belarus, ...7.83 (142).
131 Nepal, ...7.60 (129).
132 Sri Lanka, ...7.29 (128).
133 San Marino, ...7.23 (130).
134 Grenada, ...6.66 (131).
135 Panama, ...6.47 (134).
(tie), Moldova, ...6.47 (149).
137 St. Vincent-Grenadines, ...6.30 (133).
138 Benin, ...5.81 (137).
139 Guatemala, ...5.79 (135).
140 Netherlands Antilles, ...5.22 (138).
141 Mauritania, ...4.93 (150).
142 Armenia, ...4.79 (159).
143 Tahiti, ...4.73 (139).
(tie), Mauritius, ...4.73 (140).
145 Cayman Islands, ...4.34 (141).
146 Vietnam, ...4.21 (143).
147 Lesotho, ...3.85 (144).
148 Guyana, ...3.80 (145).
149 St. Lucia, ...3.46 (146).
150 Botswana, ...3.39 (148).
151 Azerbaijan, ...3.28 (t170).
(tie), Pakistan, ...3.28 (147).
153 Namibia, ...3.11 (161).
154 Liechtenstein, ...2.19 (151).
155 Maldive Islands, ...2.03 (152).
156 Cape Verde, ...1.88 (153).
157 Laos, ...1.85 (154).
158 Solomon Islands, ...1.72 (155).
159 Dominican Republic, ...1.29 (156).
160 Libya, ...1.03 (157).
161 Brunei, ...1.02 (158).
162 Nicaragua, ...0.65 (160).
163 Taiwan, ...0.14 (165).
164 Central African Republic, ...0.13 (162).
165 Seychelles, ...0.12 (163).
166 Cuba, ...0.10 (164).
167 Philippines, ...0.08 (167).
168 Equatorial Guinea, ...0.07 (166).
169 Vanuatu, ...0.04 (168).
170 Aruba, ...0.02 (169).
171 Chad, ...0.00 (t170).
(tie), Macao, ...0.00 (t170).
(tie), St (Kitts and Nevis, ...0.00 (t170).

ITALY

Gullit celebrates, Bergkamp mourns

BY CHRIS ENDEAN OF REUTERS

Two goals made Ruud Gullit the hero of Milan's 2-1 win over Lazio, but fellow Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp of Internazionale turned villain after being shown the red card for the first time in his Italian career over the weekend.

Gullit silenced Milan's growing band of critics with a spectacular last-gasp volley less than a minute after Lazio's Alen Boksic looked to have earned his side a point with an 89th minute equaliser.

Earlier, Gullit had given his side a 78th minute lead, scoring off a Dejan Savicevic cross with an unstoppable header.

By contrast, Bergkamp's disappointing record in Italy was further stained when the striker was sent off for elbowing a defender in Inter's scoreless draw at Brescia.

Parma opened up a two point lead at the top of the table with a 2-1 victory over Cagliari. Gianfranco Zola set up both his side's goals, delivering pinpoint crosses for Dino Baggio and Portugal's Fernando Couto.

A 43rd minute goal from Mauro Bertarelli looked like giving Sampdoria a share of the first division lead until Luigi Di Biagio's late equaliser for Foggia ruined the Genoa club's 100 percent record.

Juventus hardly missed injured playmaker Roberto Baggio as his 19-year-old replacement Alessandro Del Piero guided the Turin side to a 2-0 win at Napoli with an inspired performance in a late night match.

The under-21 international set up Fabrizio Ravanelli for the opener in the 32nd minute, before adding a superb second in the 71st minute with a shot from the edge of the penalty area which curved round 'keeper Giuseppe Taglialatela's despairing dive.

Juventus join a bunch of clubs - Sampdoria, Roma, Milan and Fiorentina - lying second with seven points from three games.

A combination of Gullit's marksmanship, Sebastiano Rossi's goalkeeping and the presence of Italian prime minister and club president Silvio Berlusconi served to lift AC Milan from their midweek European Cup defeat against Ajax Amsterdam.

Berlusconi, returning to his San Siro director's seat for the first time this season, watched his side defeat Lazio with a spirited performance.

While Rossi pulled off several stunning saves to keep out Lazio's much vaunted strikeforce of Giuseppe Signori and Boksic, Milan's midfielder Demetrio Albertini and Gullit both rattled the crossbar with fierce shots.

It was Gullit who finally found the net in the 78th minute with a typically athletic header.

Lazio equalised in the 89th minute when Signori released Boksic with a neat run and pass, allowing the unmarked Croatian time and space to blast the ball beyond Rossi.

But with his side's last attack, Gullit stretched out his foot to turn a deep cross from Giovanni Stroppa into the net.

At least Bergkamp's 88th-minute expulsion should go some way toward silencing Italian critics who had started to blame the striker's dismal Serie A record on a lack of venom.

The Dutch striker, who has scored nine goals in 34 Italian league matches, was dismissed after a linesman spotted him elbowing his marker Giuseppe Baronchelli in the face.

Dino Baggio: The ex-Juve man scored Parma's first goal in the 2-1 win against Cagliari.

SERIE A – ROUND THREE

Parma .....2 Cagliari 1
PARMA: Bucci, Mussi (Castellini 60), Di Chiara, Minotti, Apolloni, Couto, Brolin, D. Baggio (Pin 69), Crippa, Zola, Asprilla.
CAGLIARI: Dibitonto, Herrera, Pancaro, Bellucci, Napoli, Firicano, Bisoli, Lantignotti, Valdes, Allegri, Oliveira.
SCORERS: D. Baggio (30), Couto (44), Oliveira (55).

Sampdoria.....1 Foggia 1
SAMPDORIA: Zenga, Mannini, Ferri, Platt, Vierchowod, Mihajlovic, Lombardo, Jugovic, Bertarelli, Mancini (Maspero 26), Evani.
FOGGIA: Mancini Di Bari, Bianchini, Ninoli, Di Biagio, Caini, Bresciani, Bressan (Marazzina 65), Kolyvanov, De Vincezo, Biagioni.
SCORERS: Bertarelli (43), Di Biagio (86).

Torino .....2 Padova 0
TORINO: Pastine, Falcone, Sogliano, Scienza, Torrisi, Pessotto, Angloma, Cristallini, Silenzi, Pelè, Bonetti.
PADOVA: Bonaiuti, Balleri, Gabrieli, Zoratto, Rosa, Lalas, Perrone, Nunziata, Galderisi, Longhi, Maniero.
SCORERS: Scienza (62, 72).

Fiorentina.....3 Cremonese.1
FIORENTINA: Toldo, Carnasciali, Pioli, Cois, Marcio Santos, Malusci, Robbiati, Di Mauro, Batistuta, Rui Costa, Baiano.
CREMONESE: Turci, Dall' Igna, Pedroni, Giandebiaggi, Gualco, Verdelli, Chiesa, Cristiani, Florijancic (Pirri 70), Sclosa, Tentoni.
SCORERS: Carnasciali, Tentoni 16, Batistuta 19, 59.

STANDINGS

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Parma	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Sampdoria	3	2	1	0	8	1	7
Juventus	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Roma	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Fiorentina	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
AC Milan	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Lazio	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Foggia	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Internazionale	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Bari	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Cremonese	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Torino	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Napoli	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Brescia	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Cagliari	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Genoa	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Reggiana	3	0	0	3	0	4	0
Padova	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

Brescia .....0 Inter 0
BRESCIA: Ballotta, Brunetti, Giunta, Mezzanotti, Baronchelli, Battistini, Neri, Piovanelli, Ambrosetti, Lupu, Gallo.
INTER: Pagliuca, Conte, Orlando, Seno, Festa, Bergomi, Bianchi (Fontolan 8), Jonk Berti, Bergkamp, Sosa.

Roma .....3 Genoa 0
ROMA: Cervone, Annoni, Lanna, Benedetti, Thern, Carboni, Moriero (Piacentini 62), Statuto, Balbo, Giannini (Cappioli), Fonseca.
GENOA: Tacconi, Delli Carri (Van't Schip 46), Francini, Torrente, Galante, Signorini, Ruotolo, Bortolazzi, Nappi, Skuhravy, Onorati.
SCORERS: Balbo (8, 56), Fonseca (89).

Bari .....1 Reggiana..0
BARI: Fontana, Montanari, Manigghetti, Bigica, Amoruso, Ricci, Alessio, Gerson, Pedone, Tovalieri, Guerrero.
REGGIANA: Antonioli, Zanutta, Gregucci, Cherubini, Sgarbossa (Cozza 46), De Agostini, Esposito, Oliseh, Bresciani, Dionigi, De Napoli.
SCORER: Tovalieri (20).

Milan .....2 Lazio 1
MILAN: Rossi, Tassotti, Panucci, Gullit, Maldini, Baresi, Lentini (Stroppa 65), Albertini, Boban, Savicevic, Donadoni.
LAZIO: Marchegiani, Negro, Favalli, Di Matteo, Chamot, Bacci, Rambaudi (Casiraghi 70), Venturin (Fuser), Boksic, Winter, Signori.
SCORER: De Vincenzo (23), Biagioni (27) (penalty) Bresciani (39), Ambrosetti (71).

Napoli .....0 Juventus ..2
Line-ups not available

LEADING GOALSCORERS:
4 — Batistuta (Fiorentina)
3 — Signori (Lazio), Gullit (Milan)
2 — Florijancic (Cremonese), Asprilla, Couto (Parma), (Boksic (Lazio), Scienza (Torino).

SERIE B – ROUND THREE

Ascoli.....1 Perugia.....1
Cesena.....3 Lucchese .0
Chievo V.....1 F. Andria...2
Como .....0 Atalanta....0
Cosenza.....1 Udinese....0
Palermo.....0 Acireale....0
Pescara .....0 Verona.....0
Salernitana.....1 Lecce.....1
Venezia.....1 Ancona 0
Vicenza.....0 Piacenza...0

STANDINGS

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Verona	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Venezia	3	2	0	1	2	1	6
Vicenza	3	1	2	0	2	0	5
Acireale	3	1	2	0	2	0	5
F. Andria	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Atalanta	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Como	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
Cesena	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Ascoli	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Salernitana	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Udinese	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Cosenza	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Perugia	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Ancona	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Piacenza	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Palermo	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Pescara	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Lecce	3	0	2	1	1	4	2
Chievo V.	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Lucchese	3	0	1	2	1	6	1

– NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES –

SERIE A

Cagliari v Brescia,
Cremonese v Milan,
Foggia v Torino,
Genoa v Napoli,
Inter v Fiorentina,
Juventus v Sampdoria,
Lazio v Parma,
Padova v Bari,
Reggiana v Roma.

SERIE B

Acireale v Chievo V.,
Ancona v Pescara,
Atalanta v Venezia,
F. Andria v Ascoli,
Lecce v Cesena,
Lucchese v Cosenza,
Perugia v Salernitana,
Piacenza v Palermo,
Udinese v Vicenza,
Verona v Como.

SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —

COLO COLO BEATS ARGENTINES JUNIORS

Chilean big gun, Colo Colo defeated Argentines Juniors of Argentina 4-1 in a Supercup first leg match played at Colo Colo's Monumental Stadium of Santiago, in front of only 16,664 spectators.

The star of the match was Brazilian striker Toninho, who scored three of Colo Colo's four goals.

The Argentines dominated the first half but were unable to break the solid local defence, and Colo Colo took the lead in the 44th when midfielder Jaime Pizarro, scored with a brilliantly executed free kick.

But just three minutes into the second half, Argentinos Juniors Paraguayan striker Carlos Torres, equalised with a header.

From then on, Colo Colo through the efforts of Jaime Pizarro, Mendoza and Etchaverry took control of a very open and entertaining game.

The unstoppable Toninho then netted the first of his hat-trick in the 51st through a penalty and added the other two in the 68th and 76th respectively.

Jaime Pizarro, after a stint in Argentina and Ecuador is back with his old club and, together with Toninho, was one of the best players on the park.

The return match will be played in Buenos Aires on September 23rd.

COLO COLO: Ramirez, H. Gonzalez, Reyes, R. Gonzalez, Mendoza, M. Ramirez, Pizarro, Vega (Fracchia), Etchaverry (Rojas), Toninho, Yanez.
ARGENTINES JUNIORS: Cousillas, Germano, Russo, Traverso (Gomez), Sorini, Sacchuto, Cancedo, Dolberg, Mas (Comas), Torres, Ramos.

NO CROWD, NO FOOTBALL, NO MONEY

Former World club champions, Estudiantes de La Plata, who recently were relegated to the Argentine Second Division, drew 0-0 away with Flamengo of Brazil in a very discreet and boring game. Only 3,000 spectators were present at the gigantic Maracana Stadium of Rio de Janeiro, and their disappointment was obvious at the end of the match when Flamengo fans booed the players from both sides.

Flamengo, the former club of stars of the calibre of Zico and Junior, is suffering a difficult financial crisis with debts of several million dollars. The two ailing clubs will play the second leg in Buenos Aires on September 27.

FLAMENGO: Gilmar, Charles, Guerreiro, Nelson, Paiva, Serginho (Rodrigo), Fabinho, Marquinhos (Wallace), Hugo, Nelio, Magno, Savio. Coach: Carlinhos.
ESTUDIANTES: Bossio, Rojas, Pratola, Loop, Squadrone, Mendez (Martinez), Calderon, Ruben Capria, Veron, Galeano, Armentero (Sosa). Coach: Eduardo Lujan Manera.

Bulgarian heads for Boca

Midfielder Krasimir Balakov, one of Bulgaria's star players at this year's World Cup, could join Boca Juniors, Argentina's most popular team, a club official said last week.

The cost of Balakov's transfer from Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon is $A4 million, Boca vice president Carlos Heller told reporters.

Heller said "there is a possibility" Boca would sign Balakov for the season which began two weeks ago and ends in July. Balakov, together with Hristo Stoichkov and Iordan Letchkov, led Bulgaria to fourth place in the World Cup.

Heller and other Boca officials will meet tomorrow with Sporting Lisbon agent Settimio Aloisio to negotiate the transfer, Heller said.

Boca coach Cesar Menotti said: "There is no coach who would not be interested in a player of (Balakov's) characteristics and quality."

Balakov "is a very difficult player for the Argentine market because of the price", Menotti said.

Diego Maradona, banned from soccer for 15 months after testing positive for drugs at this year's World Cup finals, has joined Boca Juniors as an apprentice coach.

Maradona, 33, will assist Boca coach Cesar Luis Menotti although it was not immediately clear what his role would be. Menotti guided Argentina to victory in the 1978 finals.

In Quilmes, judicial sources said a judge had ordered Maradona to stand trial over child maintenance payments he allegedly owed his Italian former girlfriend.

The Argentine was ordered to pay five million lire ($A4,180) a month maintenance with a court ruled two years ago that he was the father of Cristina Sinagra's son.

The Argentine began paying monthly maintenance in April 1993, but has allegedly failed to respect an order to make payments to cover the period dating back to 1989. The trial has been set for June 23, 1995.

The boy at the centre of the dispute, Diego Armando Junior, is now eight years old.

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP

Penarol of Uruguay defeated Boca Juniors of Argentina 1-0 at Montevideo's Centenario Stadium, in front of a crowd of 35,000.

The second leg between both teams will be played at Boca's Stadium in a fortnight.

The only goal of the match was scored by former Uruguayan international Jose Bengoechea in the 44th minute.

Penarol, who's enjoying one of its best seasons in Uruguayan football, took control of the game early in the first half and never looked threatened by an Argentine team with too many stars but without ideas.

The club, coached by former Argentine World Cup tactician Cesar Luis Menotti, wasted millions of dollars in players during the last two seasons but most of the new acquisitions have failed to produce the expected results.

Menotti, who had a lot to do with the recruitments, hasn't found the winning formula and Boca Juniors continue with a very bad run of results in the domestic and international competitions.

Boca Juniors is the most popular club in Argentina, with the biggest following around the country. But its loyal fans, hungry for success, aren't happy with the way the club has been managed so far and the support is withdrawing very fast.

RESULTS

ARGENTINE FIRST DIVISION

— September 18 —

Racing Club	0	Independiente	2
Boca Juniors	1	M de Corrientes	1
Argentinos Jun	1	B de Cordoba	0
Rosario Central	2	G y E de Jujuy	0
T de Cordoba	1	D Espanol	1
Lanus	1	Banfield	0
Huracan	3	Platense	0
Velez Sarsfield	2	Newell's O'Boys	0
Ferro Carril O	1	San Lorenzo	1
G y E La Plata	0	River Plate	0

STANDINGS

Velez Sarsfield	3	3	0	0	5	0	6
Huracan	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Independiente	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Ferro Carril O	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Rosario Central	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
River Plate	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
G y E La Plata	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
S L de Almagro	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Lanus	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Talleres de C'ba	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Racing Club	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Newell's O'Boys	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Banfield	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
G y E de Jujuy	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
Dep Espanol	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Boca Juniors	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
M de Corrientes	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
B de Cordoba	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Platense	3	0	1	2	1	6	1

IN BRIEF... IN BRIEF...

◆ In another Supercup match, played in Porto Alegre's Olympic Stadium in front of a crowd of 10,000, Gremio of Brazil and Racing of Argentina drew 1-1.

Racing went 1-0 ahead in the 33rd minute, when Argentine striker Claudio Garcia scored with a perfect volley.

Gremio equalised in the 70th minute through Luisinho.

◆ **Rioting fans attacked each other with iron bars and samba drums on the terraces and on the pitch during a Brazilian championship match between Vasco da Gama and Santos on September 12.**

During the confusion, which held up play for 45 minutes, a policeman was attacked and bitten by his own dog.

Fighting broke out at half-time during the game at Vasco's Sao Januario Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

Witnesses said rival fans began tearing up each other's flags. Vasco fans then invaded a corner of the ground occupied by a contingent of around 100 Santos fans, with supporter using samba drums and iron bars to hit each other.

Santos fans escaped over iron railings onto the pitch but Vasco fan followed them and fighting continued, with supporters punching and kicking each other.

Many Santos fans ran behind the goal, past a swimming pool and then scaled a 3m railing to escape the stadium and the violence.

Two photographers were hit and had their cameras damaged during the fighting while one policeman lost control of his dog which turned on him and bit him.

◆ Former Peruvian star Ramon Antonio Mifflin Paez, a fugitive since fleeing cocaine trafficking charges in Spain seven years ago, has been captured, a federal official said last week.

Mifflin was arrested at a home where he had lived for about a year, Deputy US Marshal Ernesto Fernandez said.

"He was kind of shocked. He thought that was a while back and probably was forgotten," the marshal said.

In recent months, Mifflin made little effort to hide. He worked as a radio and television commentator for South American broadcasts of this year's World Cup.

Federal marshals knew of Mifflin's whereabouts for some time but waited to obtain the proper paperwork from Spain, Fernandez said.

Mifflin and three co-defendants were charged in Madrid in 1987 with bringing 13kg of cocaine into Spain. He was released on bond and fled.

Mifflin was accused of being a member of an international drug-dealing organisation headed by jailed Peruvian drug kingpin Reynaldo Rodriguez Lopez, known as "the Godfather."

One of the best players in Peruvian history, Mifflin played on his nation's World Cup team in 1970.

He was nicknamed Cabezon ("big head"). He later played for Los Aguilas of Los Angeles.

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YOUR FAVOURITE CLUB

BY STUART JONES

Shrewsbury Town

Shrewsbury were formed back in 1886. They played in their early days at Sutton Lake and Copthorne, and then moved to the Old Racecourse Ground.

All this time they played in non-league football, playing in the Birmingham League, and the Midland Leagues. They won their first Welsh Cup in 1891.

In 1905 Shrewsbury Town turned professional, they made the first round proper of the FA Cup in 1909/1910, losing 3-0 to Portsmouth. In 1910 the Shrews moved to Gay Meadow.

By 1936 Shrewsbury were a limited company, and in 1938 they won their second Welsh Cup. After the war Shrewsbury continued their success as a non-league club, winning their second Midland league championship in 1948. Their success demanded League status.

For the 1950/51 season the football league expanded by four teams, two going to both the Third Division North and south.

Shrewsbury went to the Third Division North.

Shrewsbury came 20th that year and, due to Workington entering the League, were transferred to Division Three South the next season.

They stayed in the basement of the League and when Division Three and Four were created the team went to Division Four due to their final position of 17th the previous year.

The Shrews came fourth, gaining promotion for the first time in 1958/59. The next season brought near success, failing by seven points to take Norwich's promotion position into Division Two.

A season later Shrewsbury made the semi-finals of the brand new League Cup, losing 4-3 on aggregate to Second Division Rotherham. That 1961 season saw Gay Medow's highest attendance of 1917 verse Walsall, who were chasing promotion.

Through the 1960s there were ups and downs, from a fifth round appearance in the FA Cup against Chelsea, to the nearby river flooding over, and flooding the ground, causing much damage.

This river meant a new position was born in football.

Fred jumped into the river every matchday, retrieving the footballs, and was paid by the club for balls retrieved (he retired in 1986)!

In 1973/74 relegation came to Shrewsbury for the first time in their League career, but they bounced straight back to Division Three by coming second behind Mansfield Town.

Shrewsbury enjoyed success in the Welsh Cup in 1977, and in 1979. That 1978/79 season saw a place in the sixth round of the FA Cup for Shrewsbury, they lost to Wolves in a replay.

They also pipped Watford and Swansea for the Third Division title, their first league football trophy.

A Quarter Final appearance in the League Cup in 1986/87, after winning the Welsh Cup back-to-back in 1984-85, was Shrewsbury's success in the mid-1980s. But in 1988/89, after 10 years in Division Two, Shrewsbury were relegated.

The next year saw an appearance in the fifth round of the FA Cup. In 1991/92 Shrewsbury were relegated to the 'new' Division Three (the old Fourth Division). At least they could say they stayed in Division Three.

However in 1993/94 Shrewsbury stormed home to win the Third Division, after winning the games that had piled up due to fixture cancellations.

This was the team's second piece of League silverware. This season may need to be one of consolidation, but you never know, the crowds may go through those cast iron Victorian turnstiles to watch Shrewsbury Town bid for promotion once more. ■

Shrewsbury Town chairman R. Bailey with players (left-right) T. Lynch, D. Walton, M. Taylor, T. Clarke, K. Summerfield, and W. Clarke.

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DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS 1993/94

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VIDEO REVIEW >

This week's prize for the Polygram competition is a video reviewing the top players at USA '94. It is called World Cup USA '94 DREAM TEAM.

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You see great action from these players, action that may well have been forgotten by you because of all the drama that occurred at World Cup USA '94.

With the World Cup preliminary rounds (especially) coming to us with so much action, this video shows the best of the best. This is one of the best videos of the World Cup USA '94 as it looks at the best players showing off their great skills.

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This video is well packaged with music, sound and action aplenty. The cover is shown in the Polygram competition on this page, look out for it now at your local video retailer, it is proudly brought to you by Polygram videos, who bring you all the best action on video from USA '94.

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UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

Well I must say that my week off on holiday has recharged the old batteries — and I do mean old — and it's good to have Jonesy off my computer again. Mind you, I think he did a marvellous job of filling in for the week and my thanks to my old mucker for that.

However, it's back to the real world once again and I must say congratulations to our competition winners even though there was a slight cock-up with the way things went.

Never mind teething troubles, but enough of you entered for us to pull the names out of the hat and I must say the response to it was fantastic. Don't forget to have a go again this week.

*So what's been happening while I've been sunning myself and indulging in total relaxation? I met up with an old friend of mine who used to play for Wolverhampton Wanderers back in 1956 and I might even tell you about that at a later date.

Manchester Utd lost a game! Newcastle have a 100% record — at time of writing. The fanzines have been mounting during my absence so you'd best check out the listing. I think you'll find it has grown somewhat?

But most important of all is the fact the "HE'S BACK"! The legend has returned to the airwaves with his motley crew of helpers. Colin "the legend" Turner — touching of forelocks is appropriate on reading this name you peasants — is back on 2KY with his "British Soccer Sport & Talk" show on Saturday nights from 11pm.

Ably assisted by the infamous Clint "we wuz robbed" Wheeldon and lad "the Kipper" Pearson, 2KY is on 1017 in Sydney and on 2HD in Newcastle. Welcome back boys and a bit of Chuck Berry is called for: Hail, Hail Rock and roll, the boys are back to report the goals!

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I am very pleased to announce that the UKSSD have sponsored a player in England this year. The player in question is Trevor Morgan. What do you mean you've never heard of him! He is actually the Assistant Manager of Exeter City Football Club.

Due to only having a 21 man squad with six players already on the long term injured list, Terry has had to be registered as a player to help them battle through the tough times ahead.

He has played in Hong Kong — also in the lower leagues of the UK — and his experience will prove invaluable at this time.

I have to thank my mum and dad for loaning me the cash at this time but it will be repaid in the very near future. It has been a long term goal of ours to sponsor a player — or players in the future — and this has proven to be our first time.

What we want you all to do is give the good old Grecians a cheer every Saturday night and we'll try to lift them back into the Second Division come the end of the season.

We'll also be receiving regular up-dates about the team and "our lad" throughout the year. It will give us all something to look for on Sunday mornings as well as our own teams and we'll probably all be fervently looking through all the publications to see how Terry has gone and how many hat-tricks he has scored?

It may be Third Division football this year but who knows, next year it could well be second or Scottish, Welsh or all of them together? We'll have to wait and see what happens. Indeed, Steve Birley - Marketing Manager of Exeter City AFC — has already ensured that this news has gone out to ALL the major publications in the UK and has said that he will send over any news he can.

Remember the name: Terry Morgan, remember the team: Exeter City, remember the nickname: The Grecians. How's that song go? "Lets hear it for the boys". More news as it arrives.

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I spoke this week with Cec Buccello — Marketing Manager of the ASF — and some meetings will be taking place between the UKSSD and some of their representatives in their near future.

We are committed to trying to help the ASF and UK fans find some common ground and encourage the lads to attend some matches. We have been able to achieve this through hard work — despite the interference from outsiders — and because we have shown ourselves to be of good character and good to our word.

For those who have tried their best to scupper the goodwill existing between the ASF and the UKSSD — all that can be said is — dream on!

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If you notice the "Letters page", you'll see that quite a few of you have been writing in about the "Euro-Kit" merchandise I told you about. Please feel free to send a stamped self-addressed envelope to me at the usual P.O. Box number for a full list of gear.

I can assure you all that you will find it hard to beat the price of this merchandise through us — no matter which publication you read about it in. Don't forget, the cheapest place to buy your gear is through your own particular club. We cannot support our teams with gate-money these days but we can through the official shops. The stock that "Euro-Kit" supply is officially licensed merchandise but difficult to find elsewhere.

Here's a little teaser for you: Who plays for Manchester Utd, is Welsh, young and has a first name of Ryan, followed by Giggs and usually plays on the left wing?

If you know the answer, drop me a line as my old mate Mark from "Euro-Kit" has sent me three posters of the person in question to give away. First three correct answers to arrive by next Tuesday win. Thanks to "Euro-Kit" for the posters. Very nice they are too!

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Recently read copies of the Sunderland & Norwich newsletters sent to me by Stan & Steve respectively and thanks for that guys. Excellent productions and very informative. If you support these teams, get in touch with the lads and join up. I'm certain that existing members are "well pleased" with the offerings - I was!

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I have to mention the Swindon Town fanzine — "The Randy Robin" because there's something quite extra-ordinary about it. The Editor and compiler of the publication — Matthew Arnold — is just 14 years old! He's already on issue three and I wish him the best of luck in the future because to take on a job like that at his tender age, he deserves a lot of credit. He did spent six weeks in Australia and in his own words: "I missed Swindon's first ever Premier League game but from all accounts, I didn't miss much!"

A sense of humour and a lot of guts. Well done young man. (See listings for address etc).

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Still no joy from the ABC eh? Keep ringing, faxing and sending in those letters. They'll get fed up eventually and will have to concede to mass demand.

As I've said before, don't moan about it unless you're prepared to do something to change things. The choice is, as ever, yours.

Exercise your right or pack in whinging. We must jam their switchboard for starters if we're going to prove that we mean business. You may not support Premier teams but think realistically in the long term. A show of strength will now serve notice to all TV stations for the future.

We would all like to see a round-up of the lower divisions — shouldn't have to miss out on them just because they are not the Premier — and I'd also like to see some Scottish fibta too.

With the amount of ex-pat Scots folk out here, I do not think it too much to ask. Look at S.B.S. buckling under the weight of numbers when finally showing the S.F.A. Cup last season.

Well done to all who complained about that and I for one am numbered amongst them. When it comes to football out here, it's not a case of "us and them" when referring to the English, Scottish or Welsh supporters. It is a case of us all TOGETHER to show a unity not heard of before in this country. The future is what WE make it, how do you want it to be?

Rumour has it that they will do a repeat screening of the show on Sundays from October 9.

I'm not sure this is true at this stage, but it shows that the pressure that has been brought to bear, is starting to pay off.

Is it enough for you all to accept the carrot or do you want the whole salad? Well done everyone and keep up the good work as they're starting to get fed up with the calls already and we've only just begun. Believe me!

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I have been liaising with the clubs throughout the UK and will have a very important announcement to make in the coming weeks which, it's to be hoped everyone will support very generously indeed. What is it? I hear you ask, but patience is a virtue so they say that all good things come to those who wait?

Before anyone rings or writes to tell me I'm an utter B*****D!, I already know and won't be giving you the answer until the right time comes along!!

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At the recent meeting of the NSW Reps on September 3, yours truly was duly elected Chairman of the UKSSD unopposed. I'd like to thank those who were present and those who could not make it but rang as asked.

It's a very nice feeling and an honour and pleasure to have this vote of confidence from my peers. I'm exceedingly hopeful that this faith in me will be rewarded in the very near future as we make the UKSSD the most respected and biggest supporters group in Australia and the southern hemisphere by the time we're finished.

Let me state right here and now: "Our charitable works will go on unabated". We are in no direct conflict with any other group, publication or organisation and all we want is a better deal for the supporters of UK football. No more, no less.

I'd also like to add my best wishes to Russell Chapman and Ken Shaw who have not been in the best of health recently. Get well soon guys and I look forward to meeting up with you in the near future.

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Have I ever mentioned my old mate Bob Barclay to you? Well Bob rang me before I went on hol's to tell me that he would be sending some programmes down to "our lad" John Hansen in Melbourne.

Programmes are Bob's business and if any of you want to know more about them or wish to purchase any, give him a call on (02)484 9675. You'd be surprised at just how many and what clubs he has them for. You name it and if he has not got it, he'll get it. No worries.

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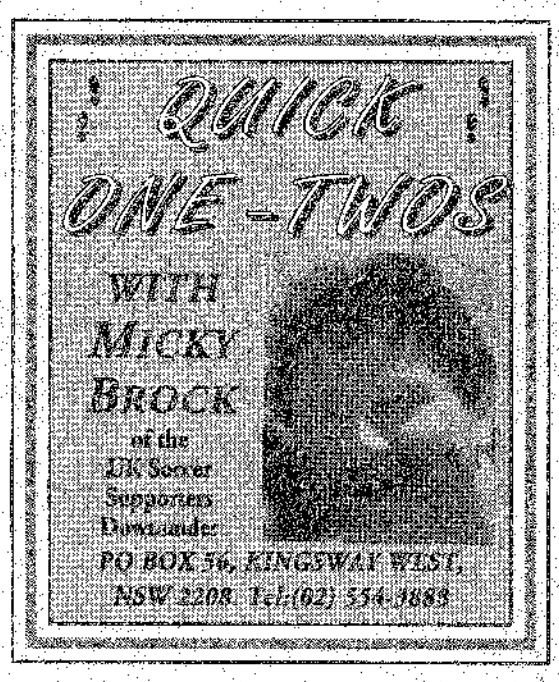
The editor of the fanzine "RUB OF THE GREENS" — a Plymouth Argyle publication — will be visiting our shores in January of next year. I have already told him that I'll be more than happy to take him along to some of the local games and we'll hopefully have him here for our 2nd Annual B-B-Q in Centennial Park with the lads from 2KY coming along as usual.



SBS's Executive Director of Sport, Dominic Galati: Their commitment to soccer coverage is putting even greater pressure on the ABC's program scheduling of English soccer.

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THE POOLS

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

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SAT. 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION	BLACKBURN	ASTON VILLA	1
	COVENTRY	SOUTHAMPTON	2
	CRYSTAL P.	CHELSEA	3
	EVERTON	LEICESTER	4
	IPSWICH	MAN. UTD	5
	MAN. CITY	NORWICH	6
	NEWCASTLE	LIVERPOOL	7
	QPR	WIMBLEDON	8
	TOTTENHAM	NOTTINGHAM F.	9
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	BRISTOL C.	MIDDLESBRO	10
	MILLWALL	LUTON	11
	NOTTS COUNTY	CHARLTON	12
	OLDHAM	BARNSLEY	13
	PORT VALE	SHEFFIELD UTD	14
	SOUTHEND	BOLTON	15
	SWINDON	GRIMSBY	16
	TRANMERE	SUNDERLAND	17
	WATFORD	READING	18
	WEST BROM.	BURNLEY	19
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BIRMINGHAM	HULL	20
	BLACKPOOL	WREXHAM	21
	BOURNEMOUTH	CARDIFF	22
	BRADFORD C.	HUDDERSFIELD	23
	BRIGHTON	CAMBRIDGE U.	24
	CREWE	BRENTFORD	25
	OXFORD UTD	LEYTON O.	26
	PETERBORO	ROTHERHAM	27
	PLYMOUTH	CHESTER	28
	SHREWSBURY	BRISTOL R.	29
	STOCKPORT	WYCOMBE	30
	SWANSEA	YORK	31
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BURY	CHESTERFIELD	32
	DARLINGTON	COLCHESTER	33
	DONCASTER	PRESTON	34
	FULHAM	HEREFORD	35
	HARTLEPOOL	LINCOLN	36
	MANSFIELD	EXETER	37
	NORTHAMPTON	CARLISLE	38

RESERVE MATCHES

ENGLISH DIVISION 3	SCARBORO	ROCHDALE	39
	SCUNTHORPE	WIGAN A.	40
	TORQUAY	BARNET	41
	WALSALL	GILLINGHAM	42
G.M. VAUX. CONF.	MACCLESFIELD	HALIFAX	43
	STALYBRIDGE	STAFFORD	44
	WOKING	SOUTHPORT	45
	YEOVIL	KETTERING	46
SCOTTISH PREMIER	ABERDEEN	RANGERS	47
	CELTIC	HIBERNIAN	48
	DUNDEE U.	FALKIRK	49
	HEARTS	KILMARNOCK	50
	PARTICK	MOTHERWELL	51
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	AIRDRIE	CLYDEBANK	52
	AYR	DUNDEE	53
	DUNFERMLINE	STRANRAER	54
	ST JOHNSTONE	HAMILTON	55

GET YOUR POOLS IN

Don't forget
Pools Quick Pick

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 477

SAT. 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION	COVENTRY	LEEDS	1	2-1
	CRYSTAL P.	WIMBLEDON	2	0-0
	EVERTON	QPR	3	2-2
	LEICESTER	TOTTENHAM	4	3-1
	MAN. UTD	LIVERPOOL	5	2-0
	SHEFIELD WED.	MAN. CITY	6	1-1
	SOUTHAMPTON	NOTTINGHAM F.	7	1-1
	WEST HAM	ASTON VILLA	8	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	BOLTON	PORTSMOUTH	9	1-1
	BURNLEY	WOLVES	10	0-1
	CHARLTON	SWINDON	11	1-0
	DERBY	OLDHAM	12	2-1
	PORT VALE	MIDDLESBRO	13	2-1
	READING	SHEFFIELD UTD.	14	1-0
	SOUTHEND	BRISTOL C.	15	2-1
	SUNDERLAND	BARNSLEY	16	2-0
	TRANMERE	MILLWALL	17	3-1
	WATFORD	LUTON	18	2-4
	WEST BROM.	GRIMSBY	19	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BOURNEMOUTH	CHESTER	20	1-1
	BRADFORD C.	YORK	21	0-0
	BRENTFORD	BLACKPOOL	22	3-2
	BRIGHTON	OXFORD UTD	23	1-1
	BRISTOL R.	WREXHAM	24	4-2
	CAMBRIDGE U.	SWANSEA	25	1-3
	CARDIFF	PLYMOUTH	26	0-1
	CREWE	WYCOMBE	27	1-2
	HUDDERSFIELD	STOCKPORT	28	2-1
	HULL	ROTHERHAM	29	0-2
	SHREWSBURY	LEYTON O.	30	3-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	DONCASTER	HEREFORD	31	3-0
	EXETER	LINCOLN	32	1-0
	HARTLEPOOL	GILLINGHAM	33	2-0
	MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	34	1-1
	PRESTON	DARLINGTON	35	1-3
	ROCHDALE	BURY	36	0-3
	SCARBORO	CHESTERFIELD	37	0-1
	SCUNTHORPE	BARNET	38	1-0

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

Phone: 0055 33111 Australia, Wide. Or, Sydney (02) 11520; Melbourne (03) 11521; Brisbane (07) 11699; Adelaide (08) 11521; Perth (09) 11520. Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT WEEK 17/9/94 WEEK 477

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED — NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED

1_{55}	2_{56}	3_{75}	4_{50}	5_{57}	6_{87}	7_{69}	8_{87}	9_{75}	10_{90}		1_{3}	2_{6}	3_{0}	4_{1}	5_{4}	6_{11}	7_{0}	8_{1}	9_{0}	10_{2}
11_{89}	12_{56}	13_{86}	14_{82}	15_{91}	16_{90}	17_{91}	18_{87}	19_{79}	20_{101}		11_{7}	12_{3}	13_{4}	14_{1}	15_{6}	16_{2}	17_{17}	18_{2}	19_{0}	20_{0}
21_{95}	22_{97}	23_{96}	24_{86}	25_{82}	26_{102}	27_{91}	28_{114}	29_{101}	30_{126}		21_{1}	22_{2}	23_{0}	24_{9}	25_{4}	26_{1}	27_{7}	28_{8}	29_{5}	30_{1}
31_{104}	32_{93}	33_{95}	34_{111}	35_{110}	36_{112}	37_{100}	38_{92}				31_{3}	32_{2}	33_{1}	34_{0}	35_{9}	36_{5}	37_{2}	38_{5}		

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 477 SAT. SEPTEMBER 17, 1994

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

3, 9, 19, 20, 23, 34.

Supplementary Number 7.

UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Coventry	2	Leeds	1
Crystal Palace	0	Wimbledon	0
Everton	2	QPR	2
Leicester	3	Tottenham	1
Manchester Utd	2	Liverpool	0
Sheff Wed	1	Manchester City	1
Southampton	1	Nottingham Forest	1
West Ham	1	Aston Villa	0

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Bolton	1	Portsmouth	1
Burnley	0	Wolverhampton	1
Charlton	1	Swindon	0
Derby	2	Oldham	1
Notts County	0	Stoke	2
Port Vale	2	Middlesbrough	1
Reading	1	Sheffield United	0
Southend	2	Bristol City	1
Sunderland	2	Barnsley	0
Tranmere	3	Millwall	1
Watford	2	Luton	4
West Bromwich	1	Grimsby	1

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth	1	Chester	1
Bradford	0	York	0
Brentford	3	Blackpool	2
Brighton	1	Oxford	1
Bristol Rovers	4	Wrexham	2
Cambridge	1	Swansea	3
Cardiff	0	Plymouth	1
Crewe	1	Wycombe	2
Huddersfield	2	Stockport	1
Hull	0	Rotherham	2
Shrewsbury	3	Leyton Orient	0

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Exeter	1	Lincoln	0
Hartlepool	2	Gillingham	0
Mansfield	1	Northampton	1
Preston	1	Darlington	3
Rochdale	0	Bury	3
Scarborough	0	Chesterfield	1
Scunthorpe	1	Barnet	0
Torquay	3	Colchester	3
Walsall	5	Fulham	1
Wigan	0	Carlisle	2
Doncaster	3	Hereford	0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Guiseley	3	Colwyn Bay	2
Hyde	1	Bishop Auckland	0
Marine	2	Frickley	0
Morecambe	2	Boston	1

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	1	Partick	1
Celtic	1	Kilmarnock	1
Falkirk	0	Rangers	2
Hearts	2	Dundee United	1
Motherwell	1	Hibernian	1

B & Q CUP FIRST ROUND

Airdrieonians	3	Berwick	1
Brechin	0	Dunfermline	2
Cowdenbeath	2	Clyde	1
Dumbarton	2	St Johnstone	4
Dundee	5	Arbroath	0
East Fife	2	Ross County	1
Forfar	0	Alloa	1
Hamilton	2	Stenhousemuir	0
Meadowbank	1	Montrose	1
(extra time being played)			
Queen of the South	0	Raith	2
Stirling	4	Albion	0
Stranraer	0	St Mirren	0
(extra time being played)			
Queen's Park	0	Clydebank	5
Meadowbank	1	Montrose	2
(after extra time 90 minutes 1-1)			
Stranraer	1	St Mirren	1
(after extra time 90 minutes 0-0. Stranraer won 5-4 on penalties)			

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle	5	5	0	0	19	5	15
Nottingham Forest	6	4	2	0	10	4	14
Manchester Utd	6	4	1	1	10	3	13
Blackburn	5	3	2	0	11	1	11
Liverpool	5	3	1	1	11	3	10
Leeds	6	3	1	2	8	7	10
Chelsea	4	3	0	1	10	6	9
Aston Villa	6	2	3	1	7	5	9
Tottenham	6	3	0	3	11	11	9
Manchester City	6	2	2	2	9	8	8
Norwich	5	1	3	1	1	2	6
QPR	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Wimbledon	6	1	3	2	4	7	6
Southampton	6	1	3	2	6	11	6
Arsenal	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
Sheffield Wednesday	6	1	2	3	8	12	5
West Ham	6	1	2	3	2	7	5
Coventry	6	1	2	3	5	13	5
Ipswich	6	1	1	3	4	8	4
Leicester	6	1	1	4	6	11	4
Crystal Palace	6	0	4	2	4	10	4
Everton	6	0	2	4	6	15	2

Note: Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season for financial irregularities.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Wolverhampton	8	5	2	1	14	4	17
Middlesbrough	8	5	2	1	12	6	17
Reading	8	4	2	2	10	3	14
Swindon	8	4	2	2	8	5	14
Tranmere	8	4	1	3	14	13	13
Stoke	8	4	1	3	11	13	13
Port Vale	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Charlton	8	3	3	2	13	14	12
Sunderland	8	2	6	0	9	6	12
Bolton	8	3	2	3	13	10	11
Derby	8	3	2	3	9	10	11
Grimsby	8	2	4	2	14	11	10
Portsmouth	7	2	4	1	7	7	10
Oldham	8	3	0	5	14	14	9
Millwall	8	2	3	3	13	12	9
Luton	8	2	3	3	10	13	9
Bristol City	8	2	3	3	8	9	9
Barnsley	8	2	3	3	7	10	9
Watford	8	2	3	3	7	10	9
Sheffield United	7	2	2	3	9	8	8
Burnley	8	2	2	4	6	11	8
Southend	8	2	1	5	8	19	7
Notts County	8	1	2	5	8	13	5
West Bromwich	6	0	4	2	5	8	4

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Oxford	8	5	3	0	17	7	18
Huddersfield	8	5	2	1	18	10	17
Bradford	8	5	2	1	14	5	17
Wycombe	8	5	1	2	13	8	16
Crewe	8	5	0	3	18	12	15
Bristol Rovers	8	3	5	0	12	5	14
Wrexham	8	4	2	2	11	8	14
Stockport	8	4	1	3	15	12	13
Brighton	8	3	4	1	10	3	13
Brentford	8	4	0	4	15	12	12
Peterborough	7	3	3	1	11	10	12
Blackpool	8	3	2	3	14	16	11
York	8	3	2	3	12	9	11
Birmingham	7	3	2	2	10	7	11
Swansea	8	2	5	1	10	8	11
Hull	8	3	1	4	8	12	10
Shrewsbury	8	2	3	3	16	14	9
Cambridge	8	2	2	4	9	14	8
Leyton Orient	8	2	2	4	8	13	8
Rotherham	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
Cardiff	8	1	3	4	7	12	6
Plymouth	8	1	2	5	6	20	5
Chester	8	0	1	7	5	16	1
Bournemouth	8	0	1	7	5	20	1

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Carlisle	8	7	1	0	15	6	22
Bury	8	6	1	1	15	1	19
Barnet	8	5	1	2	13	7	16
Torquay	8	4	3	1	15	11	15
Doncaster	8	4	3	1	8	2	15
Preston	8	4	2	2	12	7	14
Darlington	8	4	2	2	9	6	14
Scunthorpe	8	4	1	3	13	10	13
Rochdale	8	4	1	3	12	15	13
Chesterfield	8	4	1	3	9	8	13
Walsall	8	2	4	2	12	9	10
Colchester	8	3	1	4	9	14	10
Lincoln	8	3	0	5	8	12	9
Scarborough	8	3	0	5	7	10	9
Exeter	8	3	0	5	5	11	9
Gillingham	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
Fulham	8	2	2	4	8	12	8
Hartlepool	8	2	2	4	4	7	8
Mansfield	7	2	1	4	7	9	7
Hereford	8	1	2	5	6	13	5
Northampton	7	0	4	3	6	9	4
Wigan	8	1	0	7	6	16	3

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Rangers	5	4	0	1	9	3	12
Celtic	5	3	2	0	8	4	11
Hibernian	5	2	3	0	9	3	9
Aberdeen	5	1	3	1	9	8	6
Motherwell	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Falkirk	5	1	3	1	6	7	6
Partick	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Hearts	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
Dundee United	5	1	1	3	5	11	4
Kilmarnock	5	0	3	2	2	5	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Dunfermline	5	3	2	0	7	1	11
Dundee	5	3	1	1	9	7	10
Airdrie	5	1	4	0	7	3	7
Clydebank	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
St Johnstone	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
St Mirren	5	1	3	1	5	6	6
Hamilton	5	1	2	2	5	12	5
Raith	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
Stranraer	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Ayr	5	0	3	2	6	8	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Berwick	5	4	1	0	9	5	13
East Fife	5	3	2	0	7	2	11
Stenhousemuir	5	2	2	1	6	5	8
Greenwock Morton	5	2	1	2	5	5	7
Stirling	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Meadowbank	5	3	0	2	9	3	6
Queen of the South	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
Dumbarton	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Clyde	5	1	0	4	6	10	3
Brechin	5	0	2	3	4	11	2

Note: Meadowbank deducted three points for fielding an ineligible player.

SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE

Caledonian Thistle	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
Forfar	5	4	0	1	8	6	12
Montrose	5	3	0	2	8	5	9
East Stirling	5	2	2	1	10	6	8
Ross County	5	2	2	1	10	8	8
Alloa	5	2	1	2	13	10	7
Cowdenbeath	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
Queen's Park	5	2	1	2	8	7	7

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

ALL TABLES COMPILED BY
MICKY BROCK AND STUART JONES

RESULTS

(As of Sunday, September 18)

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Newcastle United	6	3	0	0	13	3	3	0	0	9	4	18
Blackburn	6	3	0	0	10	0	1	0	2	3	2	14
Nottingham Forest	6	2	0	1	6	2	2	0	1	4	2	14
Manchester Utd	6	3	0	0	7	0	1	1	1	3	2	13
Liverpool	5	1	0	1	3	0	2	1	0	8	3	10
Leeds Utd	6	2	1	0	5	4	1	1	1	4	5	10
Chelsea	5	2	1	0	6	2	1	1	0	5	6	9
Aston Villa	6	1	0	2	4	2	1	1	1	3	3	9
Manchester City	6	2	0	1	8	1	0	2	1	1	7	8
Wimbledon	6	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	2	4	5	6
+Norwich	5	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	6
QPR	6	1	1	1	6	6	0	1	2	5	7	6
Arsenal	6	1	1	1	5	3	0	2	1	0	4	5
Sheff Wed	6	0	1	2	4	5	1	2	0	4	7	5
West Ham	6	1	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	4	5
Coventry	6	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	1	2	10	5
+Ipswich	5	0	2	0	1	4	1	1	1	3	4	4
Leicester	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	3	0	1	6	4
Crystal Palace	6	0	2	1	2	8	0	0	3	2	2	4
•Tottenham H	6	1	2	0	3	4	2	1	0	8	7	3
Southampton	5	0	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	6	3
Everton	6	0	1	2	5	6	0	3	0	1	9	2

+Played late Monday •Deducted 6pts

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Wolves	8	4	0	0	10	0	1	1	2	4	4	17
Middlesbrough	8	3	0	1	7	3	2	1	1	5	3	17
Reading	8	2	0	2	5	0	2	2	0	5	3	14
Swindon	8	3	0	2	5	1	1	2	0	4	8	14
Tranmere	8	4	0	0	12	6	0	3	1	2	7	13
Stoke	8	3	1	0	8	4	1	2	1	3	9	13
Port Vale	8	3	1	0	7	4	1	2	1	2	2	13
Charlton	8	2	0	2	7	5	1	2	1	6	9	12
Sunderland	8	1	0	3	6	4	1	0	3	3	2	12
Bolton	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	2	1	7	7	11
Derby	8	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	5	7	11
Sheffield United	7	2	1	1	7	4	0	2	1	2	4	11
Grimsby	8	2	1	1	10	6	0	1	3	4	5	10
Portsmouth	7	1	1	2	4	5	1	0	2	3	2	10
Oldham	8	2	2	0	9	7	1	3	0	5	7	9
Millwall	8	2	1	1	11	7	0	2	2	2	5	9
Luton	8	0	2	2	3	7	2	1	1	7	6	9
Bristol City	8	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	6	6	9
Barnsley	8	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	1	4	6	9
Watford	8	1	1	2	5	6	1	2	1	2	4	9
Burnley	8	0	2	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	7	8
Southend	8	2	2	0	4	5	0	3	1	4	14	7
Notts Co.	8	0	3	1	2	7	1	2	1	6	6	5
WBA	6	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	4	7	4

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Oxford	8	3	0	1	8	2	2	0	2	9	5	18
Huddersfield	8	2	1	1	7	6	3	0	1	11	4	17
Bradford C	8	2	1	1	4	3	3	0	1	10	2	17
Wycombe W	8	2	1	1	8	5	3	1	0	5	3	16
Crewe	8	3	1	0	10	7	2	2	0	8	5	15
Birmingham	8	3	1	0	9	3	1	1	2	5	4	14
Bristol Rovers	8	2	0	2	9	5	1	0	3	3	0	14
Wrexham	8	3	1	0	5	2	1	1	2	6	6	14
Stockport C	8	3	1	0	7	3	1	2	1	8	9	13
Brighton	8	2	0	2	4	2	1	1	2	6	6	13
Brentford	8	2	2	0	5	5	2	2	0	10	7	12
Peterborough	8	1	1	2	5	8	2	1	1	6	6	12
Blackpool	8	2	1	1	7	8	1	2	1	7	8	11
York C	8	2	1	1	7	4	1	2	1	5	5	11
Swansea	8	0	1	3	1	3	2	0	2	9	5	11
Hull C	8	2	2	0	4	4	1	2	1	4	8	10
Shrewsbury	8	1	0	3	10	7	1	3	0	6	7	9
Cambridge	8	2	2	0	8	9	0	2	2	1	5	8
Leyton Orient	8	2	0	2	7	5	0	4	0	1	8	8
Rotherham U	8	1	2	1	5	8	1	3	0	4	7	7
Cardiff C	8	0	2	2	2	5	1	2	1	5	7	6
Plymouth A	8	0	3	1	2	13	1	2	1	4	7	5
Chester C	8	0	4	0	3	10	0	3	1	2	6	1
Bournemouth	8	0	3	1	3	10	0	4	0	2	10	1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Coventry	2	Leeds	1
Crystal Palace	0	Wimbledon	0
Everton	2	Queen's Park Rangers	2
Leicester	3	Tottenham	1
Manchester United	2	Liverpool	0
Sheffield Wednesday	1	Manchester City	1
Southampton	1	Nottingham Forest	1
West Ham	1	Aston Villa	0
Arsenal	2	Newcastle	3
Chelsea	1	Blackburn	2

Ipswich v Norwich – Not available

DIVISION ONE

Bolton	1	Portsmouth	1
Burnley	0	Wolverhampton	1
Charlton	1	Swindon	0
Derby	2	Oldham	1
Notts County	0	Stoke	2
Port Vale	2	Middlesbrough	1
Reading	1	Sheffield United	0
Southend	2	Bristol City	1
Sunderland	2	Barnsley	0
Tranmere	3	Millwall	1
Watford	2	Luton	4
West Bromwich	1	Grimsby	1

DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth	1	Chester	1
Bradford	0	York	0
Brentford	3	Blackpool	2
Brighton	1	Oxford	1
Bristol Rovers	4	Wrexham	2
Cambridge	1	Swansea	3
Cardiff	0	Plymouth	1
Crewe	1	Wycombe	2
Huddersfield	2	Stockport	1
Hull	0	Rotherham	2
Shrewsbury	3	Leyton Orient	0
Birmingham	4	Peterborough	0

DIVISION THREE

Exeter	1	Lincoln	0
Hartlepool	2	Gillingham	0
Mansfield	1	Northampton	1
Preston	1	Darlington	3
Rochdale	0	Bury	3
Scarborough	0	Chesterfield	1
Scunthorpe	1	Barnet	0
Torquay	3	Colchester	3
Walsall	5	Fulham	1
Wigan	0	Carlisle	2
Doncaster	3	Hereford	0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Guiseley	3	Colwyn Bay	2
Hyde	1	Bishop Auckland	0
Marine	2	Frickley	0
Morecambe	2	Boston	1

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE
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Ballymena	2	Carrick	2
Bangor	0	Cliftonville	0
Crusaders	3	Ballyclare	0
Distillery	1	Portadown	4
Larne	0	Glentoran	4
Linfield	1	Ards	1
Omagh	1	Coleraine	1

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Carlisle Utd	8	4	0	0	7	2	3	0	1	8	4	22
Bury	8	3	1	1	6	1	3	0	0	9	0	19
Barnet	8	2	1	1	9	5	3	1	0	4	2	16
Torquay	8	2	0	2	8	6	2	1	1	7	5	15
Doncaster	8	2	0	2	4	0	2	1	1	4	2	15
Preston	8	1	1	0	5	3	3	1	2	7	4	14
Darlington	8	2	1	1	5	4	2	1	1	4	2	14
Rochdale	8	2	2	0	6	7	2	1	1	6	8	13
Scunthorpe	8	2	2	1	8	6	2	1	0	5	4	13
Chesterfield	8	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	0	7	6	13
Walsall	8	2	1	1	9	5	0	1	3	3	4	10
Colchester	8	2	2	0	5	8	1	2	1	4	6	10
Lincoln	8	3	1	0	7	4	0	4	0	1	8	9
Scarborough	8	1	3	0	3	4	2	2	0	3	7	9
Exeter	8	3	1	0	5	4	0	4	0	0	7	9
Gillingham	8	1	1	2	6	5	1	3	0	3	8	8
Fulham	8	1	2	1	4	6	1	2	1	4	8	8
Hartlepool	8	2	2	0	3	3	0	2	2	1	4	8
Mansfield	7	1	2	1	3	4	1	2	0	4	5	7
Hereford	8	0	3	2	2	6	1	2	0	4	7	5
Northampton	7	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	3	4	6	4
Wigan A	8	0	4	0	3	10	1	3	0	3	6	3

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Rangers	5	2	1	0	5	3	2	0	0	4	0	12
Celtic	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	1	5	2	11
Hibernian	5	1	0	2	7	2	2	1	0	1	2	9
Aberdeen	5	1	0	2	6	4	0	1	1	3	4	6
Falkirk	5	1	1	1	3	4	0	0	2	3	3	6
Motherwell	5	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	4	6
Partick Thistle	5	1	2	0	3	4	0	1	1	2	3	4
Dundee Utd	5	1	0	1	3	2	0	3	0	2	9	4
Hearts	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	2	7	4
Kilmarnock	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	2

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Dunfermline	5	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	2	2	1	11
Dundee	5	2	0	1	6	2	1	1	0	3	5	10
Airdrieonians	5	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	7	3	7
Clydebank	5	2	1	0	7	3	0	1	1	2	3	7
St Johnstone	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	5	4	6
St Mirren	5	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	2	2	3	6
Hamilton	5	1	1	0	3	6	0	1	2	2	6	5
Raith Rovers	5	0	0	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	4
Stranraer	5	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	6	4
Ayr	5	0	1	2	5	6	0	1	1	1	2	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Berwick	5	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	7	5	13
East Fife	5	1	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	4	1	11
Stenhousemuir	5	2	0	1	5	1	0	1	1	1	4	8
Morton	5	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	2	4	7
Stirling Albion	5	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	0	2	4	7
Meadowbank*	5	1	2	0	3	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Queen of the South	5	1	2	0	5	5	1	1	0	1	1	6
Dumbarton	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	2	6	4
Clyde	5	0	2	0	4	6	1	2	0	2	4	3
Brechin	5	0	2	1	3	8	0	1	1	1	3	2

Meadowbank to be deducted 3 points at seasons end for playing a suspended player.

SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE

TEAM	PLD	HOME W	HOME L	HOME D	HOME F	HOME A	AWAY W	AWAY L	AWAY D	AWAY F	AWAY A	Pts
Caledonian	5	2	1	0	8	7	2	0	0	4	1	12
Forfar	5	2	0	0	4	2	2	1	0	4	4	12
Montrose	5	2	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	4	3	9
East Stirling	5	1	0	1	6	2	1	1	1	4	4	8
Ross County	5	0	1	1	4	6	2	0	1	6	2	8
Cowdenbeath	5	1	1	1	7	5	1	1	0	3	2	7
Alloa	5	1	1	0	4	4	1	1	1	9	6	7
Queens Park	5	1	2	0	3	6	1	0	1	5	1	7
Arbroath	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	5	14	1
Albion Rovers	5	0	3	0	2	9	0	2	0	1	6	0

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UK CLUB DIARY

BOLTON WANDERERS
Sunday October 2 at 1pm: BBQ to be held by the above club for the Sydney Whites. Kev will provide Salads and two large beef joints.
Cost is $2/3 per head and the venue will be Harbord. Guest only need bring: Grog (partners and children optional?) swimming cosies and a good knowledge of BWFC.
For further information please contact: Kevin Evans on (02) 939 1257 or Michael Asbridge on (02) 938 6392.
And a good time will be had by all!

CARDIFF CITY
25th September, 12 noon — 10 pm
Taverners Castle, Parramatta Rd, Leichhardt.
Grand Final Party. $5 inc food, Irish & UK DJs, competition galore. Ring Villalard on 413-0742 (W) or Simon Skelton on 560-6303 (H).

SUNDERLAND
Any clubs interested in a Darts/Dominoes/Pool night, please contact Stan Robson on (02) 686-4816.

MANCHESTER UNITED
Subscriptions are now open to join the MUSC of NSW.
Cost is just $25 per year and more details can be obtained from "Fred the Red" at
P.O. Box 693, Sutherland, NSW 2232 or by Fax: (02) 542-1294.

WAVERLEY CITY
Friday, September 23, Trivia night $2 to attend. Organise a team now.
Details: Jack Hulst (03) 570 7130 or Peter Hart (03) 333 1321

FANZINE CORNER

(A WEEKLY LOOK AT FANZINES FROM THE UK)

BY MICKY BROCK

THE DUFFLE

(Stenhousmuir)

Next seasons opposition. Here comes the Duffle's predictions for the way the Second Division table will look next May as the 94/95 season ends. We have looked at each team individually and assessed, on their relative merits, where we think they will end up in the final league placings.

THE WARRIORS — Quite easily the best and the mighty Muir are going to stomp all over the opposition and finish the season in top spot, numero uno, dropping only a few points along the way and conceding very few goals too.

STIRLING ALBION — Our closest rivals (distance wise) next season will see them struggle to come to terms with relegation despite employing some full-time players. We predict they will finish bottom of the table and face further humiliating relegations.

EAST FIFE — Ah ha! No-one likes the Fifers and we feel once again their inconsistency will show, even under the leadership of Alex Totten (who deserves better) and they will finish last in the league.

BRECHIN — A team of has beens & never were's. We're not looking forward to travelling away up there again to stand alongside the big hedge, so we're glad they are going to end up in the bottom slot and face relegation soon.

CLYDE — Good manager, lots of full-time players and a draughty breezeblock all seater stadium, but they will struggle with relegation fears and are certain to be propping up the division come May.

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH — Were lucky against us last term and this season have lost the goalscoring services of Andy Thomson. They won't get a point off of us at all this year and will undoubtably finish last.

MEADOWBANK — The change of name and impending upheaval to Liverstone PLUS the discontent of their suffering fans is sure to have a detrimental effect to their on-field play and they will be bottom of the table as well.

BERWICK RANGERS — Could prove to be awkward again this season but we doubt it. Last year was just a flash in the pan and we think the Greyhounds will take over Shieldfield completely and Berwick will be forced to play their matches down the sands thus losing any form they had and finishing rock bottom.

MORTON — The embarrassment of an ex-Premier League team playing in the second division will prove too much to handle and the Greenock lot will almost certainly finish bottom of the pile.

DUMBARTON — Boghead, the name says it all. Probably the worst sited ground in Scotland. Nothing good to say about them, they'll finish in last spot.

So there you have it. We confidently predict a nine-way tie for last place and the Scottish league being so disappointed with the lack of any kind of performance from the nine teams that they decide to relegate them all.

Stenhousmuir will, of course, win the league and promotion at the first time of asking. UEFA will recognise their impressive feat of going through a full season and dropping only two points and having a goal difference of plus 60, by giving them a wild card entry into the European Cup.

Craig Brown will be unable to ignore the outcry from the press and fans will, for the first time ever, pick several players from a Second division team for the Scotland squad. The national team will then go on to do extremely well and qualify for the next World Cup finals...hold on, I'm getting carried away, that last bit stretches the imagination a wee bit too much!

Written by the Editor Kenny Baird, this gives you an idea of the fun within these pages. Here's some of the things the magazine "The Absolute Game" had to say about "The Duffle" — The origins and inspirations of the Duffle are somewhat obscure but the "plan you're pie shop trip with confidence" is commendable. There's also an interesting list of Second Division managers each club has had over the last 20 years and not surprisingly Cowdenbeath are way out in front.

Buy one and to help encourage the answer to: "why does Miller Mathieson look completely knackered after just five minutes of a game? Very, very good.

If it's good enough for the Scottish fanzine of fanzines — "The Absolute Game" — it's certainly good enough for me. I love it. Available from: Kenny Baird, 19 Sutton Park Crescent, Stenhousemuir, Larbert FK5-4DB. 50p plus P+P. Excellent value.

CITY GENT

(Bradford City)

At 80 pages an issue — bi-monthly — it's bloody huge! Priced at 1.00 it's available from John Watmough, 46 Ainsty Road, Wetherby, West Yorks LS22-7QS. Content is extremely varied and excellent. Covers every aspect of the "City" including: Curry Houses, Pubs, Grounds, Frankie Stapleton etc. you name it, it's in here.

A bit disappointed it didn't give the kitchen sink away as a freebie but no doubt that will come! Outstanding publication and very well done to all concerned. Value for money is superb and I couldn't put it down when I started reading it.

Terrific insight into the lower division supporters life and club. Absolutely marvellous.

TOO SEXY BY FAR

(A Welsh football fanzine)

Grammer and spelling — awful BUT it's written with such passion for all things Welsh football that this would be a very "picky" point to raise. The loyalty and fervour shown by the compilers make it a joy to read. Like CITY GENT, I found it difficult to put down once started.

Production standards are improving all the time and I feel it well worth a look. National PRIDE shown by these lads for football in the heart of the Rugby world does them proud. Very well done lads, most inspiring. Available from: Tim, 23 Trem y Ffridd, Bala, Gwynedd LL23-7DG. Priced at 1.00 plus P+P makes this a "must" for all Welsh fans.

FANZINE LISTING

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ARSENAL: GUNFLASH, Mick Coppock, 154 St Thomas Rd, London N4-2QP. 22:00 Per season.THE ARSENAL REPORTS, Dave Bissmire, 237 Wendover Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21-9PB. Cost: 2:00 per season (1 issue). UP THE ARSE, P.O. Box 3252, London NW1-ONL. 50p.
ASTON VILLA: VILLA BUGLE, Alex Rossen, P.O. Box 3085, Erdington, Birmingham B23-7RF. 1:00.
BOLTON WANDERERS: COME ON FEEL THE WANDERERS, Simon Jones, P.O. Box 36, Bolton, Lancs BL2-1NR. 1:00 Plus A4 size self addressed envelope please.
BRADFORD CITY: CITY GENT, John Watmough, 46 Ainsty Rd, Wetherby LS22-4QS. 1: 00
BIRMINGHAM CITY: THE LAD DONE BRILLIANT, THE HEATHEN both from Adrian Brown, 90j St Georges Dr, Pimlico, London SW1V-4BZ. 10:00 per 5 issues each plus news cuttings about blues.
BURY: WHERE WERE YOU AT THE SHAY, Warren flood, 19 Downham Cr, Prestwich, Manchester M25-0EH. 50p.
BRISTOL CITY: ONE TEAM IN BRISTOL, Robbo Humphries P.O. Box 42, Burnham on sea, Somerset TA8-2YZ. 50p plus SAE.
BERWICK RANGERS: FROM THE GROVE TO THE HARROW, Colin Beveridge, 5 Valley View, Tweedmouth, Berwick TD15-2ED. 1.00 (not available until June '95 due to work commits).
CAMBRIDGE UNITED: THE ABBEY RABBIT, 56 Wharley Hook, Harlow, Essex CM18-7DW. 80P.
CARLISLE UNITED: SO JACK ASHURST, WHERE'S MY SHIRT, Tim Pocock, 79 Harlow Cr, harrogate HG2-OAL. 50p.
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EXETER CITY: WE'LL SCORE AGAIN, Gary Nelson, 4 Pinbrook Mews, Heath Barton, Exeter Ex4-8QW. 50p. THE EXE DIRECTORY, P.O. Box 106, Exeter Devon. 50p IN EXILE: Julian Bauer, 42 Northfields Rd, Acton, London W3-ONW. 10:00 per season.
FALKIRK: RUPERTS ROAR, Paul Hutton, Flat 3, 86 Grove St, Edinboro EH3-8AP. 1:00.
FULHAM: THERES ONLY ONE F IN FULHAM, David Lloyd, 128 Green Wrythe Ln, Carshalton, Surrey SM5-2DR. 1:00.
GRIMSBY TOWN: SING WHEN WE'RE FISHING, 10 Glen Eldon Rd, St Annes, Lancs FY8-2AU. 60p.
GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET: NO IDEA, Nolan Wilde, 29 Hollybush Rd, Gravesend, Kent DA12-5QG. 60p.
HASTINGS TOWN: GHOST OF UNITED, Simon Stoddard, 93, The Ridge, Hastings TN34-2AB. 80p.
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MATLOCK TOWN: KEEP OFF THE FENCE, Mark Hardy, 5 High Ct, Smith Rd, Matclock DE4_3JL. 50p.
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NEWCASTLE UTD: THE MAG, Mark Jensen, 25 Low Friar St, New-u-Tyne NE1-5UE. 22.00 per season inc AIRPOST.
NEWPORT: HOMEWARD BOUND, Mike Tasker, 34, New Pastures, Newport, Gwent NP9-3GF. 50p.
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WHAT MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!

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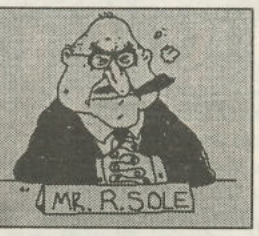
BY MAJOR R. SOLE



Want to know what makes my blood boil? Well I'll tell one anyhow! Bloody Goalkeepers that's what.

Supposed to be a four step rule in place but you watch those Italian jockeys eh!

Lolloping around the area and rolling over and over on end until they stand up and prepare to take a long throw or kick. The next thing one knows, they have to clutch the ball to their bosoms that's what! Why?

The closest player to them is on the half-way line. Now we have to start our big run up all over again.

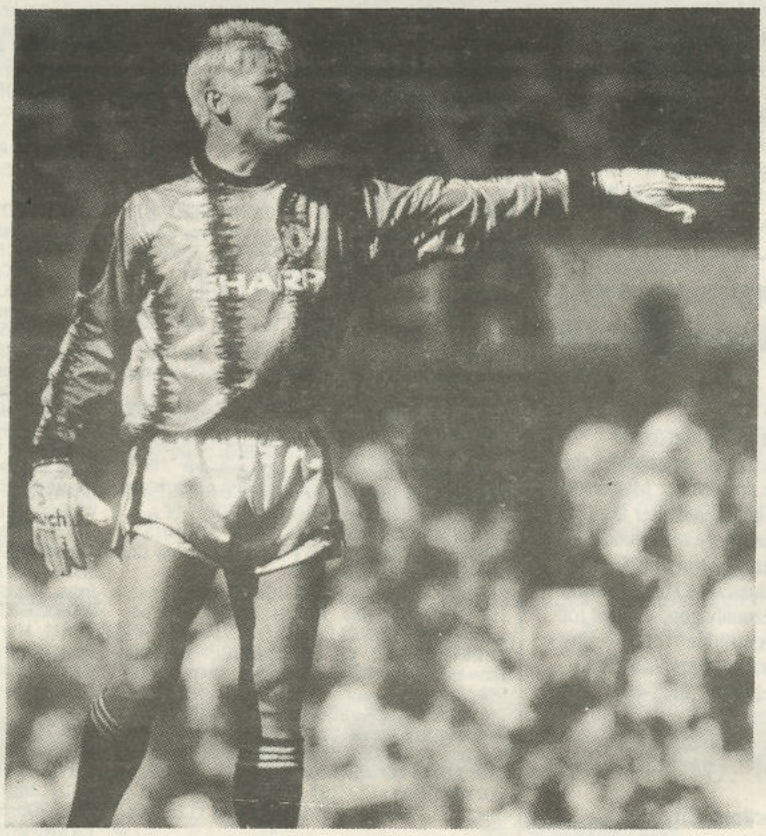
Those chappies that play in the Premier League are no better either. Bloody poor example for the youth o' today they are.

Fall over if the winds too strong they do but at least it isn't quite as bad as some of the rather theatrical dives they try on.

Greg Louganis would be proud to do some of those. The forwards nowadays seem to have more strokes than a swimming meet! Must be a part o' the training ground philosophy — "Righto lads, get the ball up in the box and one of you chase it, then fall over in abject dismay. Might be lucky enough to fool the aged ref into giving us a penalty or what?"

But the other trick that Goalies pull over the refs eyes is to go up for a high ball and either fall down in agonising death throes until they obtain the required free kick or pretend to need 50 yards to stop the momentum of their sprint toward trouble before managing to remain just inside the area.

The fact that one was catching a ball on the goal line is completely overlooked by the muppet dressed in black — or green as the parentless ones of the Premier League give a free-kick away to the goalie because he broke a nail on a blade of grass eh?



Manchester United's Peter Schmeichel: Goalkeepers are sneaky players according to Major R. Sole.

Is this a man's game or are the manicurists taking over? Was never like that in my day I'll have you know. Those were the days when an inside-half could pick a goalie up and throw him into the net to celebrate a cup-winning score but now it's a case of shoot from outside of the box and should the wind ruffle up the quiff of the "multi-coloured shirted ones", he'll have to have 10 minutes with the magic sponge and his groin stroked for good measure. Makes me so damned angry!

Another thing in my day and after many years watching from the touchline, but more often than not from the Directors box don't you know, the largest pair of hands on show belonged to none other than that great player — Pat Jennings.

Bloody marvel he was — catch a ball one handed and throw it into play before hitting the ground — and all he wore was a pair of cotton gloves — if anything at all!

You see the goalie of today and they would have to be 11ft tall to own hands that size. Half of them need a wheelbarrow to get the gloves out there!

I've heard of testing for drugs in sport but what about blatant cheating eh? I think that all goalies should undergo a "hands test" before the match to see whether they're that big before the damned gloves goes on and to ensure fair play at all times. Makes my blood seethe it does!

What makes your blood boil? Why not write to "Major R. Sole" and see what he has to say about your gripes?

UK Soccer Supporters HAVE YOUR SAY

WALES AND MORE WALES

Dear Micky,

Enjoyed the Reps meeting the other night and was only sorry I had to leave early to attend to the Whale up at Taree.

I had a great weekend on a houseboat on the Manning River assisting the National Park Rangers in monitoring the Whales movements and keeping the general public informed of the regulations and distances required when observing this gentle giant.

For the technically minded, it is a "tropical whale" or Brydes whale, named after the Norwegian who discovered this species. It's most unusual for this species to move into a river but from my observations, appears quite relaxed in its new home.

The species is relatively rare with this one approx 11 metres long and weighing about 12 tonnes. We are not sure of its sex as this can only be done by sighting its under-belly.

I hope this gives you an insight into my involvement with ORRCA — the whale rescue organisation and if anybody out there is interested in joining, please contact me at the address shown below.

Good on yer,

Michael Asbridge,
Bolton Wanderers Rep,
Nth Curl Curl, NSW.

Well done to Michael for his involvement and it goes to show that football is not the be all and end all to life — mind you, it's pretty damn close!

INFO ON IPSWICH SOUGHT

Dear Micky,

I have just finished reading your great column in the ABSW regarding fanzines. Would there be any chance of you sending me any information on Ipswich Town Football club?

I have lived in Australia most of my life but hope to get back to Portman Rd stadium one day.

Thanks for your time, yours faithfully,

Dave Thorpe,
Brighton, Sth Australia.

Well Dave, there are two Ipswich fanzines that are now listed in here and both are excellent. I also notice that you mention the "Town" winning the FA Cup in 1978 — you mongrel!

I was there and we wuz robbed I tell you, ROBBED!

ABERDEEN FAN DOWNUNDER

Dear Micky,

I enjoy your column/pages each week. Please keep up the good work.

The reason for my letter: I'm trying to purchase an Aberdeen shirt (don't laugh, they've provided plenty of good talent over the years), as I'm Aussie born and bred, I'm not sure where to buy one. Any contact would be appreciated.

Maybe the "Euro-Kit" would be of assistance to me?

Please send "Euro-Kit" regardless and here's hoping you can help.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Duncan,
Blaxland, NSW.

Firstly, I would never laugh at Aberdeen or their supporters and as for their talent over the years, look no further than Gordon Strachan as an example.

The lads at "Euro-Kit" do not do the shirts that I know of but I'm still awaiting a full list of items which you will not be able to buy cheaper in Australia.

The place to obtain your shirt from is:

Aberdeen Football Club, Club Shop, Crombie Sports, 23 Bridge St, Aberdeen. Ph: (0224) 593866.

I'm not sure of this years prices but give them a quick ring and they'll be more than happy to help you.

Lastly, NEVER be afraid of the team you support as they are the best team in the world...whoever it is!

UKSSD take on the ABC

BY MICKY BROCK

A recent conversation took place between myself and a spokesperson from the ABC.

The spokesperson offered me some answers to the late showing of the Premier League football on Monday nights and as you will see, the answers are not exactly what we wanted to hear.

Why don't ABC show any Scottish football?

We are not contracted to it.

What about a round-up of the Endsleigh divisions?

Again we are not contracted to show any.

Who is?

I don't know.

Why can't the Premier League football be shown at an earlier time?

The CSI House package does not arrive until the Monday night and the Network have stated that it must be shown on the day of arrival.

Surely with modern technology, whereby matches can be shown "live" from anywhere in the world, you could negate that answer?

The CSI House package is sent all over the world at that time and that's when we receive it. They get all the "one camera games" — i.e. not the feature game of the week — which then goes to be edited and so on, with the feature match.

We cannot transmit something that isn't here. The package is normally received at 8pm on the night in question and no earlier...well maybe 7pm but definitely no earlier than that.

What about the show continually starting behind schedule?

Kerry O'Brien and the Lateline show have been warned several times to finish at the correct time. Short of having an on-off switch, there's nothing we can do about it. (This would present the question of whether Lateline or Mr Hill actually runs the ABC! Micky)

Why is there no replay on Saturday's anymore?

I'd have to check out the official story on that one.

Would it not be beneficial for a station that has an audience rating of 600,000 per week, to keep that audience satisfied especially when you consider that the audience would be larger if shown at an earlier time?

I'm not sure that 600,000 is the "official figure" for the show without checking the ratings.

I have it on good authority that it is but it appears that the UK football fans are continually treated like fools by the station and are not given a fair go. If any other station had an audience figure like this, they would be over the moon and would go out of their way to keep it. Does the ABC have an anti-British Bias?

As I've said, without checking the ratings I couldn't say that figure is correct but I would doubt it. The ABC does not have an anti British bias or any other for that matter.

I will be attending a meeting of the NSW Reps this evening and I'll put your answers forward but to be honest, I cannot see that this will pacify the feelings of the majority of supporters. I feel that it will be a case of bringing some form of action to bear.

What sort of action?

Obviously, I cannot tell you that at this stage but it certainly will not involve "death threats" or smearing slogans on the wall of ABC House.

That's a shame, it would certainly make the place look better.

I thank you for your time and feel certain that you'll be hearing from us soon!

This conversation took place on Friday September 2nd in an amicable and friendly, almost jovial, atmosphere but as you can see, not a lot was resolved. It therefore comes down to a concerted action from us all if we are to gain any joy from the ABC.

The time has come for the moaning about the lateness to stop and to stand up and be counted for. It's time to jam the switchboard at all hours of the day and night and to bombard them with letters and faxes.

"The time for moaning has stopped."

The choice is yours but if you show a combined front on this issue NOW, other TV stations may be more inclined to be reasonable in the future. Show your strength or cut out the moaning. What are you going to do?

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UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

EUROPE: How the British teams went

NEWCASTLE 5 ANTWERP 0

Robert Lee grabbed a stunning hat-trick as Newcastle made its first European night in 17 years one to remember.

Manager Kevin Keegan had declared on the eve of the match that he wanted his side to become known throughout Europe, and its answer was to put on a display which will have the whole continent sitting up in fear.

Lee's trio were all thumping headers as the Magpies showed exactly why they have grabbed 19 goals in their five Premiership matches so far.

Keegan's gamble in playing Peter Beardsley just three weeks after fracturing a cheekbone was vindicated as the impish England man showed all his qualities.

And what made the performance even better was that it did not need a goalscoring contribution from Andy Cole, who was happy to play his part as a supplier as Lee's triple-strike was augmented by Scott Sellars and substitute Steve Watson.

Keegan could not have wished for a better start than Lee gave his side in the very first minute, the goal following a flowing move which summed up the manager's whole philosophy.

Barry Venison fed the marauding John Beresford, and when the left-back crossed with pace, Lee hurled himself at the ball to send a flying header thundering into the corner of the net.

Antwerp, visibly rocked, and visibly rocky at the back despite outnumbering Newcastle five to two, tried to mount an instant response, Kurt Vangompel going close and Pavel Srnicek denying Francis Severeyns, but Lee had the Magpies flying high again in the ninth minute.

Ruel Fox was the provider this time, crossing from the right, and as the Antwerp defence joined the ranks of the onlookers, Lee nearly pushed Andy Cole out of his way in his rush to head number two.

Srnicek was tested by Severeyns again and then Itshaq Zohar, but with a defence so deep it might have drowned, Antwerp were asking to be caught out again.

Newcastle did not disappoint. Another Fox cross from the right fell at the feet of Cole after centre-half Geert Emmerechts made a passable impression of a lead weight, and Sellars was left with an easy task to slide home.

Six minutes after the interval, Lee completed his hat-trick with a goal straight out of the St James' Park coaching manual.

Beardsley was the inspiration, surging forward before freeing Lee on the right. He transferred on to Marc Hottiger, and when the Swiss international crossed to the near post, Lee timed his run perfectly to glance a header past the by now sinking Ratko Svilar.

Severeyns kept Srnicek on his toes with a low shot which the Czech saved low to his right, with Svilar for once getting the best of Lee when the midfielder tried to ram home his fourth of the night.

Cole was booked for a rash challenge and Keegan reacted immediately by pulling him off, along with Beardsley, Steve Watson and Mike Jeffrey being given the chance to enjoy the show.

And Watson made the most of his opportunity, dancing through the dispirited Antwerp rearguard, rounding Svilar and stroking number five with 12 minutes left.

TRELLEBORG 1 BLACKBURN 0

Blackburn's first venture into European football ended in a nightmare last week as Kenny Dalglish's multi-million dollar side suffered a shock home 1-0 defeat by Swedish part-timers Trelleborg.

Student Frederik Sandell inflicted a harsh early lesson on the UEFA Cup newcomers when he scored the winning goal mid-way through the second-half of this first-leg tie.

Dalglish's men, who had been expected to run up a big victory, now face a tough uphill task to pull-back the away-goal deficit in the second-leg in a fortnight's time in the Swedish club's tiny 10,000-capacity ground.

The visitors deserved their victory after achieving what most top English defences have failed to do so far this season — stifling British football's most-expensive strike force.

The near $A19.09 million combination of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton, who had both netted four times in the league in recent weeks, failed to find a way past Trelleborg's Polish international goalkeeper Ryszard Jankowski — the only full-time player in the Swedish squad.

Jankowski pulled off a series of spectacular saves, while economics student Christian Karlsson gave a text-book display at the heart of the visiting defence.

Sandell silenced the frustrated crowd when he latched onto a fine Ola Severin's pass and slammed past a floundering Tim Flowers, and although Blackburn tried desperately to get back on terms in the final minutes — they were denied.

MANCHESTER UNITED 4 IFK GOTEBORG 2

Two goals from Ryan Giggs and one each from Andrei Kanchelskis and Lee Sharpe gave Manchester United a hard-fought 4-2 win over IFK Goteborg in their opening European Champions League Group A match at Old Trafford last week.

United finally swamped the Swedish champions after an opening hour in which the lead changed hands twice in an exciting game.

Goteborg were aiming to become the second Swedish side on successive nights to upset the hopes of one of England's leading teams.

On Tuesday the part-timers of Trelleborgs scored a surprise 1-0 win over Blackburn Rovers in the UEFA Cup, but despite taking the lead against United, and then equalising immediatly after United went 2-1 ahead, Goteborg made the short journey home across the North Sea empty-handed.

After early United pressure, Goteborg took a shock lead through former Ajax Amsterdam striker Stefan Pettersson after 26 minutes.

Mikael Martinsson curled a cross from the right in behind the United backline and, as Peter Schmeichel came a fraction late, Pettersson lunged forward to hook the ball past him.

It was just like the slack defending which cost United three goals against Galatasaray of Turkey last season — and threatened to wreck a 51-match unbeaten home European record stretching back 38 years.

United equalised after 33 minutes when Ryan Giggs levelled. Andrei Kanchelskis put Hughes in on the right and his fiercely-driven low cross spun off Lee Sharpe's heel as he tried to turn it in at the far post. The rebound travelled only as far as the young Welshman, unmarked 12 yards out and he drove it past Swedish international goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli.

Three minutes after the break Kanchelskis gave Manchester United a 2-1 lead just a minute after Ravelli had scrambled in a shot from the Ukrainian beyond the far post for a corner.

Giggs's corner from the left was only half-cleared and arrived at the feet of the Ukrainian 30 metres out. This time Kanchelskis' low right-foot shot rocketed through a forest of legs and was nestling inside Ravelli's left-hand post before he could move.

Manchester United: Peter Schmeichel; David May, Denis Irwin, Steve Bruce, Lee Sharpe, Gary Pallister, Andrei Kanchelskis, Paul Ince, Nicky Butt, Mark Hughes, Ryan Giggs.

IFK Goteborg: Thomas Ravelli; Pontus Kamark, Magnus Johansson, Joachim Bjorklund, Mikael Nilsson, Mikael Martinsson, Magnus Erlingmark, Stefan Lindqvist, Jesper Blomqvist, Jonas Olsson (Stefan Rehn 45th), Stefan Petterson.

LINFIELD 1 ODENSE 1

Substitute Mark Anderson scored an 86th minute equaliser for Irish champion Linfield in its 1-1 UEFA Cup draw with Danish side Odense at Windsor Park, Belfast last week.

Anderson, nephew of the Linfield manager Trevor Anderson, had been on the pitch for just 10 minutes when he cancelled out a desperately unlucky goal from the second-half kick-off.

Noel Bailie deflected into his own net after a drive from Danish full-back Michael Schjonberg.

"I was proud of them for the way we fought — especially in the second half," said boss Anderson.

"We are not out of the tournament by a long way. They bombarded us in the first 10 minutes and this was when our keeper Wesley Lamont came to our rescue.

"This was an example of the true traditions of the club — a typical never-say-die show."

UK RESULTS

MIDWEEK RESULTS

— September 12 —

Tottenham 1 (Klinsmann 6th min) **Southampton 2** (Le Tissier 75th pen, 89th). Halftime 1-0. Attendance 22,381

DIVISION ONE

— September 13 —

Barnsley	1	Notts County	0
Bristol City	0	Derby	2
Grimsby	4	Port Vale	1
Luton	0	Bolton	3
Oldham	0	Watford	2
Sheffield United	0	Sunderland	0
Wolverhampton	5	Southend	0

— September 14 —

Middlesbrough	2	West Bromwich	1
Millwall	2	Burnley	3
Portsmouth	1	Tranmere	1
Stoke	3	Charlton	2
Swindon	1	Reading	0

DIVISION TWO

Blackpool	2	Brighton	2
Chester	0	Cardiff	2
Leyton Orient	3	Bournemouth	2
Oxford	2	Crewe	1
Peterborough	2	Huddersfield	2
Plymouth	0	Cambridge	0
Rotherham	1	Birmingham	1
Stockport	2	Shrewsbury	1
Swansea	0	Bristol Rovers	0
Wrexham	0	Bradford	1
Wycombe	1	Hull	2
York	2	Brentford	1

DIVISION THREE

Barnet	6	Rochdale	2
Bury	2	Doncaster	0
Carlisle	2	Mansfield	1
Colchester	3	Walsall	2
Darlington	1	Scunthorpe	3
Fulham	1	Scarborough	2
Gillingham	2	Preston	3
Hereford	1	Torquay	1
Lincoln	1	Wigan	0
Northampton	1	Hartlepool	1

News from the UK

IAN WRIGHT FINED AGAIN

Arsenal's England international striker Ian Wright has been fined $A1,620 by the English Football Association for making gestures to fans at last season's game at Queen's Park Rangers.

The F.A. ruled he was guilty of improper behaviour towards spectators at the match at QPR on April 27. Wright apparently made gestures to fans at half-time. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. It is the third time in 21 months that Wright has been penalised for his conduct by the F.A.

In January 1993 he was suspended for three matches for throwing a punch at a Tottenham opponent and in August 1993 he was fined $A10,526 for making an "improper gesture' to a linesman during the F.A. Cup Final replay against Sheffield Wednesday the previous May.

He could also be in trouble again in the very near future after describing referee Robbie Hart as a "muppet" after a recent match at Norwich.

SOUTHAMPTON COACH BLASTS BIG SPENDING

Southampton manager Alan Ball launched a blistering attack last week on the big-spending clubs which have sent English transfer fees rocketing.

"I can't believe what is happening in the Premier League right now. It is spiralling out of all control," the former England player said.

"It is not down to who can manage or coach the best — but who has the most money and can collect the most players."

Ball aimed his fury mainly at tomorrow's opponents Tottenham, and Everton and Liverpool, who have spent millions of dollars in recent weeks on new players.

"The game has gone absolutely barmy. Unfortunately it has caught this club at a time when we have never had less money," he said.

"We are seeing clubs spending huge amounts of money just to cope at this level. They are paying out millions not to win, but just to survive."

Tottenham took its spending spree to $A15.6m with the purchase of Romanian World Cup defender Gheorghe Popescu.

Liverpool spent over $A14.6m on two new defenders, Phil Babb and John Scales, while Everton bought Nigerian Daniel Amokachi.

"Manchester United stole a march on everyone else and got their ship in order, and now the others are following. Liverpool looked formidable against us, and they've spent seven million pounds since then.

"Everton have got 10 million pounds to play with, Spurs have spent nearly eight million pounds.

"It has happened before and commonsense has been restored, but this time the financial rewards are so great it is hard to see an end to it."

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
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1 ..... Matthew Wilkinson
2 ..... Garth Searl
3 ..... Justin Smith
4 ..... Callum Bramah (c)
5 ..... Stephen Harris
6 ..... Robert Lynch (vc)
7 ..... John Seeto
8 ..... Daniel Cheung
10 ..... Daniel Smith
11 ..... John Romanous
14 ..... Matthew Chung
15 ..... Tim Marsh
9 ..... Ben Gordon
12 ..... Nicholas Marett
13 ..... Alberto Galvez
16 ..... John Cordingley

Coach: Mr Mark Fenech

ST SPYRIDON COLLEGE
(white shirts, blue shorts)

1 ..... Con Anastasiadis
2 ..... Nick Nicholas
4 ..... Con Fotaras
5 ..... Chris Siagos
6 ..... Dean Catharios
7 ..... Paul Karantonis
9 ..... Louie Theofilopoulos
10 ..... George Matheos
11 ..... Stavros Stavrou
14 ..... John Papadakis
15 ..... Chris Spyropoulos

SUBS

3 ..... John Tsakirios
8 ..... Renos Zalidas
12 ..... Andrew Pavlou
13 ..... Peter Lazanus
16 ..... Peter Bozikis

Coach: Mr Wayne Angelou

NSW Independent School's Cup Final was played last Wednesday evening at Christie Park, North Ryde.

The largest crowd in recent years attended to see the Independent Schools Association Premiers — St Spyridons College-Maroubra and the GPS Premiers St Joseph's College.

This was also the tenth Cup Final which celebrated the 24 teams competition having grown from its humble beginnings in 1985.

The scoreline reflected the dominance of St Spyridon's with their victory set up by strong defensive play and exciting fast midfield attacks.

The highlight of the night was the 79th minute goal by Chris Spyropoulos which was a low rising volley into the top left-hand corner of goal from 25-30 metres.

Next season sees the Cup enter its second decade and probable expansion to include more of the Independent schools.

Goalscorers: St Spyridon College 3 (Chris Siagos, Louie Theofilopoulos, Chris Spyropoulos) St Joseph's College 1 (Robert Lynch).

Patrician Brothers Blacktown (Sydney) captain Michael Cunico receives the Commonwealth Bank BillTurner Cup (Under-15) from Bank representative Bernard Geraghy. Patrician Brothers defeated Holy Cross College Ryde 3-2 in the grand final earlier this month. Almost 600 schools entered the Australia-wide knock-out competition.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DAVID BARRETT's Westfield Sports High School last Friday night won the 1994 Commonwealth Bank Cup Final for the second consecutive year.

Westfield Sports High defeated Sydney Tech High by 2-0. Barrett, Sydney Olympic's powerful and mobile defender, coached Westfield Sports to both Cup wins.

He stated last night; "We had a real battle on our hands as Sydney Tech put up a great fight.

"We scored in each half to take the Cup".

Last year, Westfield Sports High won the Cup when they defeated St Mary's High 3-0 in the Final.

WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

GK ..... KRISTIAN GRIFFITH-JONES
2 ..... ADRIANO BUTTIGIEG
16 ..... RAY DURICIC
4 ..... PETA KRYLJAR
5 ..... MILAN CRNOKRAK
6 ..... GREG BALDOCK
7 ..... ZIA YOUNAN
8 ..... DALIBOR STRBAC
9 ..... JACOB BURNS
10 ..... MINH DANG
11 ..... MICHAEL VRANKOVIC
3 ..... MARC ROSENSTEIN
12 ..... MILAN SAVIC
13 ..... DANNY POLJAK
14 ..... SASHA RELJIN
15 ..... BRETT SMYTH
17 ..... CLINTON GREEN
COACH: ..... DAVID BARRETT

RESULTS TO THE FINAL:

RD. 1 BYE
RD. 2 BASS 3-1
RD. 3 MOOREBANK 7-0
RD. 4 CABRAMATTA 5-1
RD. 5 BIRRONG 7-0
RD. 6 TAREE 4-0
Q.F. ..... KADINA 1-0
S.F. ..... KURING-GAI 2-0

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

GK ..... TRINITY ALLEN
2 ..... ROB BUTTLING
16 ..... BEN PRICE
5 ..... GEORGE KATEGIANNIS
6 ..... GORDEN SULLIVAN
7 ..... MATTHEW O'SHEA
8 ..... NICK POLIMENAKOS
9 ..... PETER IFANDOUDAS
15 ..... DANIEL OCCIPINNI
10 ..... GEORGE POLIMENAKOS
13 ..... GAVIN O'DONNELL
4 ..... CHRIS CHARALAMBOUS
11 ..... JOHN PONTAZIS
14 ..... LOUIE KARATASOS
COACH: ..... VELJKO POPOVICH

RESULTS TO THE FINAL:

RD. 1 STRATHFIELD SOUTH 5-1
RD. 2 CLEVELAND STREET 10-1
RD. 3 BLAKEHURST 2-1
RD. 4 KINGSGROVE 2-1
RD. 5 NARWEE 5-2
RD. 6 KELSO 1-0
Q.F. CARDIFF 2-1
S.F. WOONONA 1-0

THE OFFSIDE WITH DARREN ALLY

Women's Round-up

15 year old makes National squad

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Fifteen year old Lisa Casagrande has been included in the women Socceroo squad to play against Japan on September 27 at Tokyo's National Stadium.

National coach Tom Sermanni has made a number of changes to the squad which toured Europe last month. Sermanni wishes to screen players before the selection of the squad to play in next month's FIFA World Cup Qualification Tournament.

Casagrande from the NSW township of Goonellabah was one of three players drafted from the National Youth Championships which were held in Canberra last week. Michelle Watson (NSW) and Bridgette Starr (NNSW) also impressed Sermanni at the Championships and have been included in the squad.

The international against Japan will kick off a 4.30pm local time and will be played prior to the international between the Coca-Cola Socceroos and Japan which will commence at 8.30pm.

The full squad is:

Julie Murray	NSW
Traci Bartlett	NSW
Claire Nichols	QLD
Bridgette Starr	NNSW
Amanda Paterson	NSW
Karly Pumpa	ACT
Anissa Tann	NSW
Michelle Watson	NSW
Yvette Jaegar	NSW
Sarah Cooper	NT
Cheryl Salisbury	NNSW
Kaylene Janssen	QLD
Sacha Wainwright	ACT
Lisa Casagrande	NNSW
Sonia Gegenhuber	QLD
Linda Hughes	NNSW
Jane Oakley	VIC
Michelle Prouten	NSW

Sonia Gegenhuber: Will be representing Australia against Japan.

Jaegar, Oakley, Prouten, Bartlett, Pumpa and Watson will all participate in the National Women's Soccer Championship this week in Springvale, Victoria before joining the team in Tokyo.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC NSW CHAMPIONS

Sydney Olympic: Undisputed NSW Champions.

Number 1: Sydney Olympic's Ronnie Wilkie excepts the Reserve Grade Championship Shield.

Toni McMahon: The Sydney Olympic goalkeeper excepts the Champions' Shield.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.F.C.

NSW WARATAH SHIELD FINAL

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v HUNTER DISTRICT

1 — 1 at full-time

2 — 1 after extra-time

SCORERS: Lisa Warrener (59th min), Karen Heath (61st), Debbie Tait (107th).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Toni McMahon (capt), Lisa Warrener, Lisa Vandorp, Julie Murray, Leisl Stimpson, Debbie Tait, Moya Dodd, Ourania Amvrazis (Jo Parsons) (Vicki Linton), Michelle Prouten, Stephanie Kite, Melinda Bullivant.

HUNTER: Natalie Eustace, Sue Bowes, Melissa Bagwell, Amy Tredinnick (capt), Jacky Bradley, Kristy Dugomanov, Anne-Marie Csuka, Bridgette Starr, Cheryl Salisbury, Karen Heath, Dalys Carmody.

1994/95 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH SQUAD

1. Michelle Watson	NSW
2. Lisa Casagrande	NNSW
3. Sarah Fitzgerald	TAS
4. Corinne Currey	QLD
5. Kristy Moore	SA
6. Nadine Humphreys	NSW
7. Joanne Peters	NSW
8. Bridgette Starr	NNSW
9. Kristen Spinner	NSW
10. Dianne Alagich	SA
11. Naomi Denne	TAS
12. Kylie Terry	QLD
13. Claire O'Neale	NSW
14. Belinda Kitching	QLD
15. Masha Somi	ACT
16. Kirstie Rayner	ACT
17. Amy Wilson	ACT
18. Kelly Polakow	QLD
19. Trena Youngblutt	NSW
20. Susan Read	NSW
21. Georgette Leake	QLD
22. Tory Turner	ACT

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW

DAY 1-Sept 18
NSW v NT
QLD v ACT
VIC v SA
NNSW v WA
TAS v NSW

DAY 2-Sept 19
ACT v SA
NNSW v VIC
QLD v TAS
WA v NT

DAY 3-Sept 20
QLD v NSW
NT v SA
WA v TAS
ACT v VIC
NNSW v QLD

DAY 4-Sept 21
NT v VIC
WA v NSW
ACT v NNSW
SA v TAS
Trivia Night

TEAMS
1- Western Australia
2- ACT
3- Queensland
4- NNSW
5- NSW
6- Victoria
7 -Tasmania
8- South Australia
9 -Northern Territory

DAY 5-Sept 22
WA v QLD
TAS v VIC
NT v NNSW
SA v NSW
WA v ACT

DAY 6-Sept 23
TAS v NNSW
SA v QLD
VIC v NSW
NT v ACT

DAY 7-Sept 24
FINAL

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BY RICHARD KREIDER

P.S.F. FIRST DIVISION

Season 1994 was finally completed last Friday night at Dowling Street Reserve where Floreat Athena thumped relegated Rockingham City 3-0.

Midfield maestro Paul Waddingham, former City player and last years best and fairest medal winner, was in scintillating form scoring two first-half goals.

Dean Nicolaou netted the other on the hour.

TABLE

Stirling Macedonia*	22	16	3	3	71	37	33
Inglewood Kiev	22	12	5	5	39	30	29
Floreat Athena*	22	14	2	6	59	35	28
Perth Italia	22	10	5	7	40	28	25
Swan IC Soccer Club	22	11	3	8	47	39	25
Sorrento Soccer Club	22	10	4	8	37	32	24
Bayswater Inter	22	9	5	8	40	45	23
Spearwood Dalm.	22	9	4	9	39	39	22
Kingsway Olympic	22	7	4	11	29	34	18
North Perth Croatia	22	2	10	10	27	37	14
Dianella Serbia	22	5	3	14	29	58	13
Rockingham City	22	2	2	18	20	64	6

* 2 points deducted.

FINAL FIXTURE:

FRIDAY SEPT 16

Rockingham City.....0 Floreat Athena .3

Paul Waddingham(2) Dean Nicolaou

PSF DIVISION TWO

Stirling Toscany have been forced to put their League championship celebrations on ice for another week after going down at home to second placed Fremantle City 2-0 over the weekend.

This was on top of a shock 1-0 defeat at the hands of Stirling Vardar in a mid-week catch-up fixture.

Goals to Evan Wallace and Ric Antunes has given the Fremantle Club a glimmer of hope for the title, although they will need to beat Bassendean by seven clear goals, and this providing Toscany fail to gain a point at Gosnells/Ferndale in next weeks final set of matches.

TABLE

Stirling Toscany	25	20	2	3	77	15	42
Fremantle City	25	17	6	2	74	19	40
Morley Windmills	25	13	9	3	66	30	35
Bassendean Caledonian	25	15	5	5	50	25	35
Kelmscott Roos	25	11	5	9	50	41	27
Ashfield	25	10	7	8	38	38	27
Melville Corinthians	25	11	5	9	41	43	27
Stirling Vardar	25	10	5	10	40	39	25
Wanneroo British	25	9	3	13	36	70	21
Armadale Park	25	6	7	12	27	50	19
Gosnells/Ferndale	25	4	8	13	24	49	16
Osborne Park Galeb	25	6	2	17	26	58	14
Canning City	25	3	5	17	20	52	11
Sun City Flames	25	4	3	18	23	63	11

RESULTS:

Canning City.....0	Asfield.....1
Morley Windmills.....4	Osborne Galeb...2
Wanneroo.....1	Sun City Flames.0
Armadale Park.....0	Gosnells/Fer U....2
Stirling Toscany.....0	Fremantle City...2
Bassendean Caled.....3	Kelmscott Roos.0
Stirling Vardar.....0	Melville Corin....3

PSF DIVISION THREE

Cockburn United	26	23	2	1	91	20	48
Balcatta Etna	26	15	5	6	62	42	35
Perth City	26	13	6	7	59	40	32
Stirling Vasto	26	11	8	7	43	42	30
Bunbury Utd	26	11	7	8	60	35	29
Western Yugal	26	11	4	11	48	51	26
Balga	26	9	6	11	41	46	24
North Lake Espanol	26	4	11	11	34	45	19
University	26	3	5	18	23	72	11
Queens Park	26	1	4	21	15	83	6

RESULTS:

Balga.....4	Balcatta Etna....2
Cockburn Utd.....3	Bunbury United0
Western Yugal.....2	University.....1
Perth City.....4	Stirling Vasto....1
North Lake Espanol..1	Queens Park.....5

TOP FOUR CUP SEMI-FINAL

CHAMPIONS FAULTER IN THE CUP

Inglewood Kiev stormed through to the grand final of the Top-Four Cup after Downing League Champions Stirling Macedonia lost 3-0 at Bayswater Oval on Sunday.

Mark Brown: Scored to help steer Inglewood Kiev into the Top-Four Cup grand final.

However, a dismally small crowd of just 500 has raised speculation about the need for this type of end of season contest.

Martin Guilfoyle converted the first of two stylish headers after half an hours play, when Stirling 'keeper Gary Whyatt misread a bending John Saunders cross.

The veteran striker steered home a Mark Brown corner after 73 minutes, and then Alan McTurk netted the third just seconds from time.

The Stirling club have another opportunity to make the final next week when they front up to Floreat Athena in the second semi.

ETHNIC NAMES ELIMINATED

Regionalisation, rather than ethnic club names, dominates a strategy produced by the Professional Soccer Federation of WA that will take the code into the 21st century.

"We have too many clubs, and I believe soccer would benefit greatly if we consolidate those resources," said PSF Executive Officer Ian King.

"In actual fact, It's happening right now, with southern clubs Kelmscott Roos, Armadale Park and Armadale City all set to merge and make their new base at a clubroom complex planned for lake Road, Armadale," said King.

It has also been rumoured that Division Two side Osborne Park Galeb and another northern club in close proximity are planning to merge with Second Division champions Stirling Toscany.

King has also indicated that he would be looking at areas such as Gosnells, Canning and Wanneroo which contain an abundance of clubs in both the PSF and the WA Amateur and Social Soccer Association.

The Federation have decided not to follow the ASF directive of removing ethnic club names, but instead left the decision to their clubs.

"We are not forcing the issue," said King.

Perth Italia President Ennio Tavani agrees: "Ethnic club names should be left as they are until each club is ready to change. I do however, think it is time for Italia to change it's name, but I don't expect this will solve the problems soccer has in this state," he said.

"In 150 countries, soccer is the principal sport, yet we just can't get it established here," said Tavani. "I believe it is because it is a management issue. A dichotomy of interest for the same code of football. We have got a better product, but the management needs to be mature enough to handle the competitiveness and marketing of other sports.

Division One League champions, Stirling Macedonia have already registered the name Stirling Lions and newly promoted Stirling Toscany will be called S/Panthers. It is not yet known however, whether the changes will be used in 1995.

Inglewood Kiev are certainly altering to the Inglewood Falcons for next season because of a large sponsorship deal with a car company distributor.

PLAYER EXODUS CONTINUES

Despite WA entering the NSL next year a talent drain of the State's best soccer players continues with Inglewood Kiev winger Mark Brown the latest to receive an offer to go east.

The 23-year-old State player was noticed following his outstanding display as a guest player for North Perth Croatia against the Melbourne Knights last week.

Scott Miller has already signed for Morwell Falcons from Perth Italia, while Dale and Mark Wingell and Olyroo keeper Vince Matassa will try their luck with Welsh Club Cardiff City.

Another Italia player, Gareth Naven, is heading for English Division One side Sheffield United who played in Australia earlier this year and have already snapped up Carl Veart of Adelaide City.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

Coach Zoran Matic gets a chance, albeit forced on him, to try out some of his youngsters tomorrow night (Wednesday) in the third and final minor round of the new $13,000 Challenge Cup.

He will send them in against Premier League champions Blue Eagles to replace his touring Socceroos — Tony Vidmar, Alex Tobin, Milan Ivanovic, and Damian Mori.

The superstars helped City to their second win in the Cup series, beating Campbelltown 5-0 last Sunday as a follow up to the 3-0 win over West Adelaide the previous round.

Angie Goutzoulis got two against Campbelltown, while Alex Tobin, Carlo Talladira, and Jamie Perin got one each.

West got back on track on Sunday with a 4-0 win over Eagles for a possible grand final showdown with the Zebras next Sunday.

Jose Iriarte, Ayrton Amdroilic and Cyrille Keller, scored for West.

Returning to tomorrow night's program, young Zebras in line for promotion against Eagles are Angelo Costanzo, signed from Salisbury, and homebred Joel Marino, both of whom were in the Youth Socceroos training squad, but did not make the final 18.

Dino Menillo, a trialist from local club Croydon, has left with the young Roos and looks certain to be signed by City when he returns.

Other young hopefuls already on City's books, who could get a run over the next two matches are Jamie Perin, Mark Yates, Jamie Carreno and Danny Sabatino.

With six points already on the board, City look certain to make the final which will feature the top two teams from the four-club series being run on a league basis, with three points for a win two for a penalty shoot-out win, after a draw, and one point for beaten teams in the shoot-out.

Placing's after last Sunday's games are:

Adelaide City 6 points
West Adelaide 3
Blue Eagles 2
Campbelltown 1

While the young guns of City are capable of upsetting the Eagles, Matic will again be relying on his old faithfuls in the ageless Sergio Melta and warhorse Joe Mullen.

Without Mori, his main strikeforce will be Olyroo Bradley Hassell, who is emerging as more than just a capable replacement for Carl Veart, currently striking for Sheffield United in England.

Matic is also looking closely at Melbourne trialist Angie Goutzoulis who has been transfer-listed by South Melbourne.

Olympic's Brad Maloney is also on Matic's list and could be released to play tomorrow night.

Eagles are battling on minus rugged target man Jeff Tyson, who is still out with a hamstring injury and while player-coach Zoran Karadzic still has plenty of stars — Corey Artone, Andy Borghetto, Joe Cuttillo, Slowimir Nowak, Paul Higgins and Angie Costanzo — to back up his own skills, it looks like another City triumph.

Having got over the shock of yet another defeat from City, West boss Raul Blanco is hoping his team is now on track for better things and can sink Campbelltown convincingly tomorrow night.

Pre-season, his Sharks racked up a string of wins — including 13-0 and 8-0 — against minor sides, but hard match play was obviously missing against City.

The Zebras, with two overseas tours under their belts came out well tuned and already looking capable or retaining the NSL title.

However, West are looking sharper with every game and once Cameroon international Cyrill Keller and fellow front-runner Jose Iriarte strike up an understanding, the Sharks could be in the hunt for a place in the finals.

Blanco's main problem is finding a replacement for rugged target man Greg Brown, now coaching at the Queensland Institute of Sport.

And while Pablo Cardozo is fit again, Blanco is still looking for a big strong striker to replace Brown and has already sounded out another interstate player.

But before he can make a signing he wants to get some cash for transfer-listed Lemmy Vatsilas, Greg Mills and Gus Cerro.

Like the Eagles' stars, Campbelltown's hopefuls will also be trying to impress Blanco and Matic.

And if anyone can cause an upset and rattle the Sharks tomorrow night it could be the Red devils' Nathan Day, Paul Caporaso or Joe Guastella.

And one man who will be anxious to strike fear into the Sharks' defence will be front runner George Konstandopolous, who was a young star with West in the early days of the NSL.

On Sunday, the top two teams in the league will play off for the Challenge Cup, while third and fourth meet for third prizemoney.

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Back to back titles for Olympic

BY DAVID WRIGHT

Olympic overcame an early Tuggeranong penalty at Bruce Stadium to record their second consecutive ACT Premiership title.

Tuggeranong settled quicker than Olympic and had much the better of the first exchanges.

In the 14th minute a Jimmy Baxter header had Olympic keeper, Pedro Pavez, at full stretch but a minute later an incisive surge into the box by Tuggeranong defender, Lino Florese was brought to an abrupt end by an unfair Olympic challenge. Captain coach, Steve Bryant, made no mistake from the penalty spot.

While Jim Baxter and Gardner Murray controlled the midfield, Tuggeranong looked good. As the half progressed however, Arsenije Popvich and Vic Fernandez assumed control and were able to provide useful service to the two Olympic front runners in the speedy John Paul Janke and Baz Giampaolo - still exhibiting all the guile and fine touches of a real pedigree.

A powerful run down the left culminating in a fierce left-footed drive by left-back Takis Arvanitis, put Olympic back on level terms right on the stroke of half-time.

While the second half belonged largely to Olympic, Tuggeranong had their moments too.

In Particular Steve Bryant's slick first touch which turned the defence, followed by a left-footed volley of the highest quality deserved better than to see it rattle Pedro pavez's crossbar. Referee Gordon Dunster spotted an infringement which took something of gloss off a delightful cameo.

Olympic took the lead midway through the second half when Arsenije popovich seized on a loose ball in the Tuggeranong penalty area, following their failure to clear an Olympic corner. His shot hit the underside of Steve Hoszowski's bar and, like Geoff Hurst almost 30 years ago, the rebound was judged to have crossed the line. While Hoszowski protested vehemtly, Dunster, who had kept a tight rein on the game from the outset, had been well placed to make his decision.

On the half-hour Alan Strachan replaced sweeper, Peter Thompson, and almost equalled with his first touch, but his angled shot skimmed the top of the bar. The game opened up considerably with Olympic far from content with a one-goal lead and Tuggeranong throwing caution to the wind in an endeavour to send the game into extra-time.

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Taringa storm into grand final

BY GLENN DAVIS

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Coach Juan Cutillas concedes Taringa Rovers will go into their second consecutive XXXX Soccer League Grand Final as underdogs despite a convincing 5-2 preliminary final rout against Brisbane Lions at Perry Park on Saturday night.

With a 4-0 thrashing by Rochedale Rovers in last year's Grand Final still ringing in their ears, Taringa's task takes on daunting proportions following the loss through suspension of Queensland midfielder Andrew Brayshaw.

Brayshaw will miss the grand final against premiers North Star after receiving his second caution during the finals series.

Brayshaw was one of eight players booked on the night while Lions striker Warren Allen was sent off in the 60th minute by referee Doug Prentice.

Taringa took an early 1-0 lead in the 29th minute through midfielder Brent Read who caught Lions keeper Rob Farrow unaware after receiving a pin-point cross in the box from Eddie Lees.

The speedy Taringa outfit dominated possession throughout the match but were unable to penetrate the tight Lions defence until the second half of extra-time when the floodgates opened.

Allen set up the equaliser for Lions when he made a surging run down the left flank in the 59th minute crossing to Craig Priddy whose deflected shot deceived Taringa keeper Jason Lucas.

However, Allen went from hero to villain within minutes when he was given his marching orders for his second caution, following an altercation with Read.

The send off was clearly the turning point in the game as Lions reorganised and relied on the counter to crack the Taringa defence.

Taringa had several opportunities to seal the match before extra-time with Danny Stowers and Brayshaw missing easy second-half chances, but so did Lions with striker David Munn also missing a golden opportunity.

With tiredness and injury taking its toll on Lions, Taringa's goal scoring spree began from the whistle in the second half of extra-time when young striker Glen Coalpak beat Farrow with a header after receiving a low cross from replacement midfielder Aaron Douglas.

Taringa increased its lead to 3-1 a minute later when striker Reece Tollenare beat Farrow with a deceptive strike before Brayshaw made a solo run minutes later, letting loose with a powerful left-foot strike.

Taringa defender George Whyte strolled through a lethargic Lions defence to give Taringa a 5-1 lead with an 18-metre blast.

Munn grabbed a late consolation goal for his hard work two minutes from time.

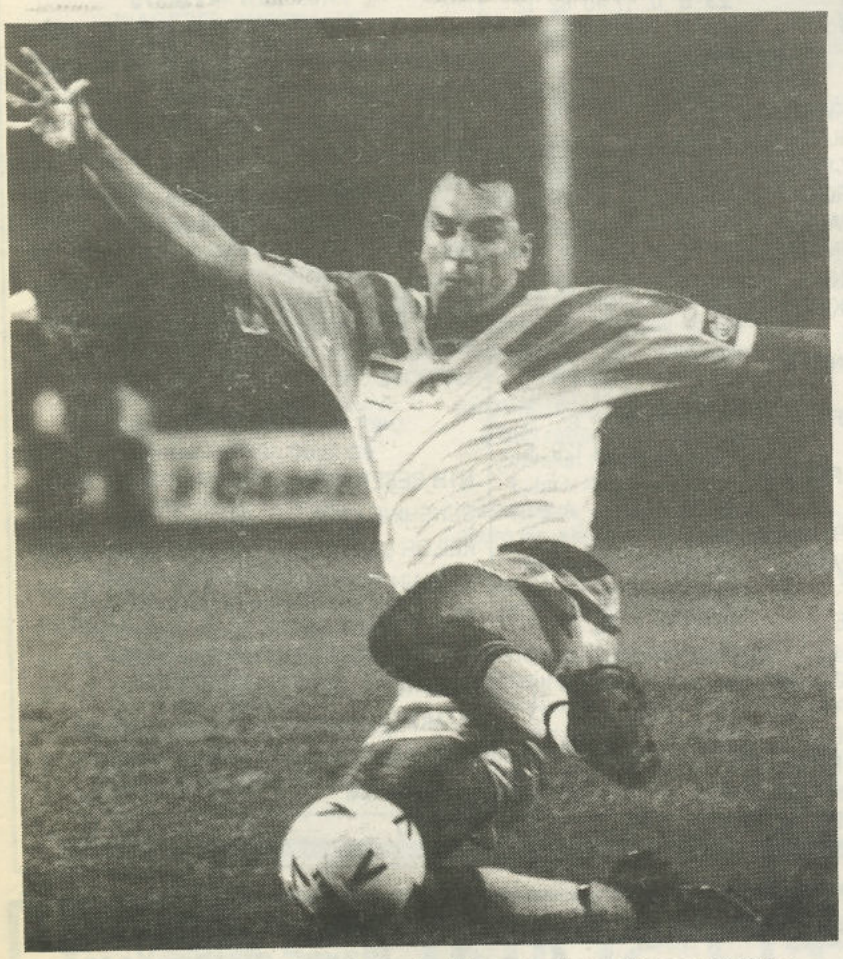
Cutillas was happy with Taringa's win but was disappointed with several aspects of their performance.

"I wasn't happy before half-time. We lost our composure and discipline when Lions Levelled," he said.

"We should have been up two or three goals by half-time which would have taken all the pressure of us."

Cutillas believes Taringa learnt a great deal from their last encounter with North Star and will have to battle hard without Brayshaw and with an inexperienced front line to win the grand final next Saturday.

Warren Allen: His 60th minute send-off cost Brisbane Lions a place in this year's grand final.



Alan Hunter: His solidness at the back will be a key factor this season if the Strikers are to make the finals.

Strikers prepare for NSL

Brisbane Strikers coach Bruce Stowell has invited promising young Pine Rivers forward Ian Hutchinson to trial with the National League club.

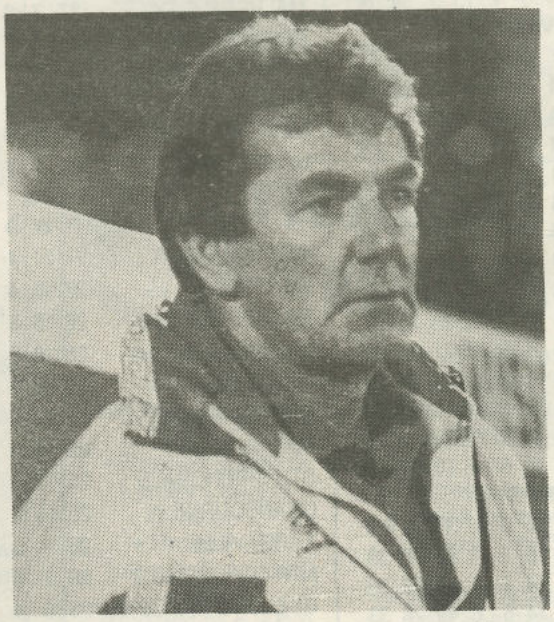
Stowell was impressed with Hutchinson's performance in a Brisbane XXXX League select side which lost 5-1 to the Strikers last week in the Jim McMillan memorial match.

Stowell was more than pleased with the Strikers first trial of the season and has organised a further two trials this week against a Toowoomba select side at Toowoomba on Wednesday night and a Gold Coast select side at the Gold Coast on Friday night.

Hutchinson was embroiled in controversay during the XXXX season when he left premiers North Star, after a fall out with the club and headed to Pine Rivers where he became an instant success.

"Ian did quite well and worked hard," Stowell said.

"He naturally needs some additional fitness and he's been invited to train with us and will play in the trials against Toowoomba and the Gold Coast."



Bruce Stowell: Has spotted a few impressive youngsters in preparation for the NSL.

Although Stowell was happy with the Strikers' first hit-out, he's far from happy with the club's overall national league preparation.

"Our preparation has been quite unsatisfactory," Stowell said.

"I would have liked more games and against better quality.

The Strikers will play their opening match of the season against Sydney United in the NSL Cup at Perry park on Friday week.

The Strikers' two new signings, New Zealander Chris Zoricich and Rod Brown scored, along with Gary Phillips, Brad Ditton and Alan Hunter against the XXXX select side.

Zoricich came to the Strikers as a sweeper-midfielder but Stowell will use him mostly in the midfield role when skipper Steve Jackson returns from injury.

"I bought him to stiffen the midfield and when Jacko's back from injury that's where he'll play," he said.

Meanwhile, Stowell has two places still vacant in his 18-man squad which does not include former Heidelberg striker Brian MacNicol who recently moved back to Brisbane.

The Strikers are still negotiating with XXXX League clubs Rochedale Rovers and Brisbane Lions for the services of Queensland goalkeeper Graham Ross and Andrew Stowell.

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STATE 1 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DONC'TER ROVER	25	13	8	4	36	21	34
FRANKSTON PINES	25	15	3	7	42	29	33
BOX HILL INTER	25	13	6	6	49	25	32
RICHMOND	25	12	7	6	37	30	31
WESTERN SUBURBS	25	11	6	8	41	35	28
WESTGATE	25	11	6	8	32	27	28
BENTLEIGH GREEN	25	9	7	9	35	28	25
OAKLEIGH	25	10	5	10	32	36	25
KNOX CITY	25	10	5	10	38	46	25
BR'MEADOWS CITY	25	6	9	10	28	29	21
CAULFIELD CITY	25	7	4	14	36	48	18
BELL PARK	25	5	7	13	24	40	17
RINGWOOD CITY	25	5	7	13	34	53	17
NORTHCOTE CITY	25	4	8	13	28	45	16

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
OAKLEIGH	25	18	3	4	71	21	39
RICHMOND	25	18	2	5	73	28	38
BR'MEADOWS CITY	25	15	5	5	59	23	35
DON'STER ROVERS	25	16	2	7	47	39	34
BOX HILL INTER	25	12	8	5	50	30	32
FRANKSTON PINES	25	10	5	10	41	37	25
BENTLEIGH GREEN	25	9	7	9	52	53	25
CAULFIELD CITY	25	9	5	11	49	46	23
BELL PARK	25	9	4	12	51	51	22
KNOX CITY	25	8	5	12	33	44	21
WESTERN SUBURBS	25	5	6	14	20	54	16
WESTGATE	25	5	5	15	28	57	15
RINGWOOD CITY	25	7	1	17	32	64	15
NORTHCOTE CITY	225	3	4	18	22	85	10

STATE 2 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CLARINDA	24	18	3	3	54	19	39
LALOR UNITED	24	17	4	3	60	16	38
WAVERLEY CITY	24	10	13	1	34	15	33
EAST BRUNSWICK	24	11	7	6	47	26	29
REGENT-BULLA	24	9	10	5	34	26	28
SP'VALE UNITED	24	10	6	8	36	30	26
CHELSEA	24	7	10	7	21	29	24
SOUTH CAULFIELD	24	8	5	11	34	50	21
SUNBURY UNITED	24	7	6	11	26	47	20
CLIFTON HILL	24	6	6	12	25	41	18
EAST RICHMOND	24	5	7	12	20	39	17
MOOROOLBARK	24	6	3	15	34	47	15
NUNAWADING CITY	24	5	4	15	33	46	14
ALTONA CITY	24	5	4	15	27	54	14

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
REGENT-BULLA	24	14	6	4	62	26	34
CLARINDA	24	13	6	5	60	44	32
WAVERLEY CITY	24	12	5	7	42	31	29
MOOROOLBARK	24	11	6	7	51	44	28
ALTONA CITY	24	10	6	8	43	35	26
SUNBURY UNITED	24	9	7	8	38	29	25
LALOR UNITED	24	9	6	9	44	36	24
CLIFTON HILL	24	10	4	10	43	39	24
CHELSEA	24	10	2	12	28	36	22
EAST RICHMOND	24	8	6	10	27	41	22
STH CAULFIELD	24	6	9	9	20	25	21
SPR'VALE UNITED	24	6	8	10	48	57	20
EAST BRUN./IVAN	24	7	5	12	25	45	19
NUNAWADING CITY	24	2	6	16	18	61	10

STATE 3 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALTONA EAST	25	16	7	2	63	20	39
MOORABBIN CITY	25	14	7	4	41	22	35
PASCOE VALE	25	14	5	6	49	28	33
FITZROY CITY	25	13	7	5	40	22	33
SOUTH DANDENONG	25	12	7	6	52	30	31
ELT. DIA. VALLEY	25	14	3	8	38	31	31
SOUTH WERRIBEE	25	10	6	9	28	28	26
KEILOR EAGLES	25	8	9	8	36	32	25
MELBOURNE CITY	25	7	8	10	25	34	22
SAND'HAM CITY	25	6	3	16	24	41	15
ESSEN. CITY JETS	25	5	5	15	21	40	15
DOVETON	25	5	5	15	30	52	15
SEAFORD UNITED	25	5	5	15	23	53	15
DOVETON	25	5	5	15	27	64	15

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MOORABBIN CITY	25	16	5	4	66	31	37
KEILOR	25	15	6	4	55	20	36
ALTONA EAST	25	14	4	7	58	30	32
PASCOE VALE	25	13	5	7	37	26	31
FITZROY CITY	25	13	5	7	50	45	31
SAND'HAM CITY	25	13	3	9	56	38	29
ROSANNA	25	11	6	8	54	45	28
ESS. CITY JETS	25	11	4	10	52	41	26
SEAFORD UNITED	25	9	7	9	44	44	25
ELT.DIA.VALLEY	25	8	8	9	51	52	24
DOVETON	25	7	4	14	26	50	18
MELBOURNE CITY	25	5	4	16	30	68	14
SOUTH WERRIBEE	25	3	5	17	35	65	11
SOUTH DANDENONG	25	2	4	19	26	85	8

STATE 4 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
WESTVALE	28	21	3	4	73	26	45
FRANKSTON	27	19	5	3	60	28	43
NTH COBURG UTD	27	18	6	3	68	30	42
STH SPRINGVALE	27	16	6	5	70	26	38
YARRAVILLE	27	14	6	7	53	33	34
GEELONG	27	12	8	7	36	33	32
LANGWARRIN	27	10	10	7	41	34	30
SUNSHINE HEIGHT	27	11	4	12	40	39	26
SOUTH WANTIRNA	27	9	4	14	31	40	22
MALVERN CITY	27	7	6	14	38	41	20
CRANBOURNE	27	5	7	15	33	61	17
CORIO/GEELONG	27	8	1	18	24	76	17
BRIGHTON	27	5	6	16	35	68	14
GEELONG RANGERS	27	4	6	17	25	59	14
DANDENONG	27	1	8	18	15	68	10

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
STH WANTIRNA	27	21	4	2	76	21	46
WESTVALE	27	19	4	4	105	32	42
FRANKSTON	26	18	5	3	116	23	41
LANGWARRIN	26	18	5	3	58	18	41
GEELONG	26	15	2	9	86	39	32
SUNSHINE HEIGHT	26	13	6	7	60	34	32
MALVERN CITY	26	11	5	10	51	43	27
STH SPRINGVALE	25	13	0	12	63	44	26
CRANBOURNE	26	11	2	13	36	53	24
YARRAVILLE	26	8	5	13	53	51	21
NTH COBURG UTD	26	7	5	14	50	69	19
GEELONG RANGERS	26	6	4	16	42	84	16
BRIGHTON	26	4	6	16	43	100	12
DANDENONG	26	2	2	22	25	144	6
CORIO-GEELONG	25	1	1	23	14	123	3

THE PREMIER LEAGUE TABLES

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PROV 1 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
WILLIAMSTOWN	25	14	9	2	50	20	37
MONBULK	25	15	6	4	55	14	36
NTH.SUNS.EAGLES	25	16	4	5	42	22	36
MELTON	25	11	9	5	37	20	31
SPRING. CONDORS	25	11	9	5	42	39	31
GLENROY	25	10	10	5	41	32	30
LALOR	25	10	5	10	45	45	25
BRANDON PARK	25	8	8	9	29	30	24
OLD SCOTCH	25	9	5	11	36	43	23
COBURG/MORELAND	25	7	6	12	37	42	20
HEIDELBERG CITY	25	8	5	12	26	45	19
BALLARAT	25	5	7	13	26	38	17
BERWICK CITY	25	4	4	17	27	55	12
MORNINGTON	25	3	1	21	27	85	7

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MONBULK	25	21	1	3	91	16	43
OLD SCOTCH	25	16	3	6	75	26	35
BALLARAT	25	16	2	7	48	26	34
LALOR	25	15	4	6	48	33	34
GLENROY	25	15	2	8	84	54	32
NTH.SUNS. EAGLES	25	13	5	7	49	32	31
SP'VALE CONDORS	25	13	3	9	58	37	29
COBURG/MORELAND	25	9	4	12	43	56	22
WILLIAMSTOWN	25	8	4	13	49	53	20
BERWICK CITY	25	6	8	11	36	58	20
MELTON	25	6	7	12	39	45	19
HEIDELBERG CITY	25	6	4	15	25	36	14
BRANDON PARK	25	4	4	17	23	72	12
MORNINGTON	25	1	1	23	16	140	3

PROV 2 — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MITCHAM UNITED	23	17	6	0	61	26	40
KNOX PARK	23	13	6	4	55	31	32
BRUNSWICK CITY	23	13	4	6	53	29	30
LYNDALE UNITED	23	10	9	4	38	30	29
MONASH UNI.	24	11	5	8	58	52	27
EAST NUNAWADING	23	11	4	8	40	26	26
KEYSBOROUGH	23	11	3	9	51	36	25
NTH GLENROY	23	8	7	8	34	31	23
HOPPERS CROSSIN	23	8	5	10	46	37	21
MEADOW PARK	23	6	7	10	43	48	19
BRAESIDE UNITED	23	4	7	12	34	51	15
WANTIRNA	23	6	0	17	40	62	12
YALLOURN	23	0	1	22	15	109	1

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
EAST NUNAWADING	23	17	2	4	81	25	36
KEYSBOROUGH	23	14	5	4	57	27	33
HOPPERS CROSSING	22	13	6	3	44	17	32
NTH GLENROY	23	12	7	4	71	27	31
MEADOW PARK	23	13	4	6	59	39	30
MITCHAM UNITED	23	10	7	6	51	24	27
MONASH UNI	24	12	3	9	47	32	27
BRUNSWICK CITY	23	11	3	9	51	33	25
KNOX PARK	23	6	7	10	48	49	19
LYNDALE UNITED	23	5	6	12	33	43	16
WANTIRNA	22	4	4	14	27	71	12
BRAESIDE UTD	23	2	1	20	18	85	5
YALLOURN	23	2	1	20	14	129	5

PROV 3SE — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	19	15	1	3	53	14	31
HAMPTON PARK	18	13	3	2	54	15	29
PARKMORE	19	10	4	5	31	30	24
RIVERSDALE	19	10	3	6	48	23	23
MELB. UNI	18	8	3	7	52	31	19
CAM.GRAM OLD BO	19	8	2	9	25	36	18
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	19	8	1	10	42	37	17
CARRUM UTD	19	6	3	10	23	36	15
RINGWOOD ROVERS	19	5	3	11	27	53	11
OAKLEIGH UNITED	19	3	3	13	22	68	9
WAV. WANDERERS	18	3	2	13	17	51	8

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PARKMORE	19	13	3	3	63	29	29
MELBOURNE UNI	18	14	1	3	55	21	29
HAMPTON PARK UT	18	13	1	4	46	23	27
ENDEAVOUR UTD	18	12	2	4	62	18	26
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	18	10	3	5	39	26	23
CAM.GRAM.OLD	18	7	6	5	34	26	20
RIVERSDALE	18	5	3	10	45	54	13
CARRUM UNITED	17	5	0	12	19	48	10
RINGWOOD ROVERS	17	4	1	12	29	52	7
WAV. WANDERERS	18	1	4	13	15	52	6
OAKLEIGH UNITED	19	2	2	15	22	80	6

PROV 3C — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
STH YARRA	18	15	3	0	61	17	33
TEMPLE. EAGLES	19	12	4	3	64	22	28
THORNBURY	19	12	2	5	50	36	26
FLE'TON FALCONS	18	11	2	5	39	26	24
NORTH CAULFIELD	18	9	4	5	38	26	22
UNI. MELB BLUES	18	6	3	9	41	43	15
EAST KFW	18	5	5	8	23	28	15
ELWOOD CITY	18	6	4	8	32	35	14
COL'WOOD CITY	18	4	1	13	25	44	9
WEST PRESTON	18	2	3	13	18	84	5
R.M.I.T.	18	1	3	14	18	48	3

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SOUTH YARRA	18	17	1	0	64	7	35
TEMPLE. EAGLES	19	14	2	3	43	16	30
NTH. CAULFIELD	18	11	3	4	38	14	25
UNI. MELB.BLUES	18	9	2	7	33	21	20
FLEM. FALCONS	17	7	5	5	22	12	19
COLLINGWOOD CITY	18	8	1	9	34	42	17
EAST KEW	17	6	3	8	24	33	15
THORNBURY	19	5	1	13	24	48	11
ELWOOD CITY	18	3	4	11	21	43	8
WEST PRESTON	18	3	4	11	18	49	8
R.M.I.T.	18	2	7	14	14	50	4

PROV 3NW — FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SYDENHAM PARK	19	12	4	3	40	18	28
KEILOR UNITED	18	11	5	2	37	26	27
BR'MEADOWS UTD	18	11	4	3	53	17	26
SUNSHINE PARK	18	11	3	4	36	17	25
NTH RESEVOIR	18	8	5	5	32	21	21
DIAMOND VALLEY	18	7	3	8	26	28	17
MILL PARK	18	6	4	8	22	19	16
UPFIELD	18	5	4	9	21	43	14
NORTHERN UNITED	19	3	5	11	19	51	11
KEON PARK	18	3	4	11	17	35	8
LATROBE UNI	18	1	3	14	15	43	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NTH RESERVOIR	18	16	1	1	86	10	33
SUNSHINE PARK	18	15	3	0	61	10	33
KEILOR UNITED	18	11	3	4	53	24	25
SYDENHAM PARK	18	9	6	3	46	28	24
MILL PARK	18	8	4	6	37	26	20
BROADMEADOWS U.	16	9	1	6	54	23	19
NORTHERN UTD	19	5	2	12	29	74	12
DIAMOND VALLEY	18	2	5	11	27	55	9
KEON PARK	17	4	2	11	32	73	8
LATROBE UNI	18	2	3	13	24	64	7
UPFIELD	18	1	2	15	16	78	4

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1994 DIABETES AUSTRALIA DOCKERTY CUP QUARTER FINALS MATCHES - SEPTEMBER 18

URUKALO GIVES THUMBS UP

BULLEEN LIONS 1
HEIDELBERG UTD 2

BY JOHN RIGAS

Heidelberg coach Mike Urukalo praised his young troops after they accounted for an experienced Bulleen Lions and warned that the Bergers will be highly competitive this season.

Heidelberg fielded new signing Walter Ardone from Sydney Olympic and did not do his chances any harm as he impressed highly in the midfield.

The Bergers opened the scoring in the 25th minute after Bulleen skipper Robbie Krajacic's attempted clearance was intercepted by striker Danny Gnijdic who crossed the ball to Mike Michalakopoulos to plant his shot into an open goal.

Heidelberg's young side penetrated the Bulleen defence time and time again with Michalakopoulos and youth player Eric Vasiliadis in a determined mood.

The Lions could have equalised in the 33rd minute as Frank Valentic's attempted cross scraped the post and went out for a goalkick.

The Bergers doubled their score in the 67th minute, this time it was defender George Georgiadis who scored a spectacular goal from 35 yards as his shot looped over goalkeeper Damian Beattie into the top corner.

Bulleen scored a consolation goal through midfielder Scott Patterson who outjumped the defence in the 74th minute as he met a free-kick taken by Michael Vesnaver.

Bergers coach Urukalo said: "The side that was playing today is the future of Heidelberg."

Urukalo thought his team was at a disadvantage as Bulleen have just completed a competitive season and his side are in a pre-season.

LIONS: Beattie, Valentic, Vesnaver, Krajacic, Branov(Lenetis), Sonsini, Tiatto, Tsiakos, Patterson, Grbac, Lutgens.
BERGERS: Chatzitrifonas, Scott, Iossifidis, Watson, Tsoumerkas, Georgiadis, Varsos (Curcija), Vasiliadis, Ardone, Michalakopoulos, Gnijdic (Karapatsos).
REFEREE: G. Connolly.
BEST PLAYERS: 3-Michalakopoulos (HU); 2-Ardone (HU); 1-Vesnaver (BL).

ZEBRAS HANG TOUGH

MELBOURNE ZEBRAS 2
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1

BY GREG BLAKE

The Melbourne Zebras pulled off an heroic 2-1 win in a tough Dockerty Cup quarter final against the Melbourne Knights at the Veneto Club.

The newly-named Zebras were down to ten men from just prior to half-time when key defender Alex Kuzmanovic was dismissed for an off the ball incident which left Andrew Marth laying dazed on the ground.

Despite being out-played for a fair percentage of the 90 minutes, the Zebras hung on for a tenacious win.

Goals inside the opening minutes of either half dragged Ken Murphy's team over the line.

Andrew Zinni's stunner inside the opening 50 seconds only served to bring the best out of a Melbourne Knights side fired by impressive newcomer Lubomir Lapanski.

The Knights went close on several occassions in a fiercely physical encounter before getting back on terms four minutes from the interval when Vinko Buljebasic struck with a long range drive.

The Zebras looked finished after losing Kuzmanovic, but managed to fire ahead again early in the second half through Joe Tricarico, albeit luckily, following a string of errors.

The ten-man Zebras then proceded to close up the game, with rookie goalkeeper Maurice Gonzalez pulling off an impressive performance between the sticks.

Ransford Banini sent a scare through the camp when he limped off injured late in the game.

ZEBRAS: Gonzalez, Kuleski, Kuzmanovic (sent off), Della Rocca, Trajevski, Zinni, Banini (Karkaletsis), Tricarico, Aloisi, Obradovic (Mazzini), Emmanuele
KNIGHTS: Juric, Buljebasic, De Amicis, Marth, Horvat, D.Cervinski, Silic, Biskic, Colina (Razov), Lapansky, Vojtek
REFEREE: N.Zachariadis
BEST PLAYERS: 3-Della Rocca (MZ): 2-Lapansky (MK); 1-Tricarico (MZ)

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RESULTS

*Bulleen Lions 1 (Patterson) Heidelberg Utd 2 (Georgiadis, Michalakopoulos)
*Melbourne Zebras 2 (Zinni, Tricarico) — Melbourne Knights 1 (Buljebasic)
#Morwell Falcons 6 (Armstrong 3, Markovski 2, Canosa)
#Frankston Pines 1 (Watson) AET — Full time score 1-1
South Melbourne 7 (Vrbanjac 3, Trimboli 2, Polak 2) — Clarinda 0
*Double header at Veneto Club
#Double header at Middle Park

THIS WEEK
Thur. Sept. 22 (Semi-final double header at Olympic Park)
Melbourne Zebras v Heidelberg Utd (kick-off 6.30pm)
South Melbourne v Morwell Falcons (kick-off 8.30pm)

MORWELL BLAST FIVE IN EXTRA-TIME

MORWELL FALC. 6
FRANKSTON PINES 1

BY NICK TZAFERIS

A staggering five goals in twenty minutes of extra-time shattered the giant-killing dreams of promotion chasing Frankston Pines.

A fine Graham Watson goal which cancelled out John Markovski's early opener sent the Pines-Falcons match into extra-time.

But the Pines' endeaverous normal time efforts were wasted as the Falcons cruised through the additional 20 minutes piling on five goals.

While the boys from the Peninsula wilted, the Falcons produced all their party pieces, with striking duo John Markovski and Lachlan Armstrong delighting the few Falcon faithful.

Armstrong netted an easy hat-trick and Markovski and Canosa scored one a piece in extra-time to sink the timid Pines who would have conceded double the amount if their custodian Lepotari was in lesser form.

Canosa got the first of the five extra-time goals with a shot that smashed the underside of the crossbar, while Markovski struck his second with a flying volley.

Former Dundee player Lachlan Armstrong was also among the goals snaring the third, fifth and sixth, all in a scrappy manner.

The Falcons now meet South Melbourne in Thursday night's semi-finals while the Pines can concentrate on their push for Premier League promotion.

FALCONS: Dastey, Villani (Upton), Canosa, Douglas, Parton, Stergiopoulos, Sevin, Waddell, Bothwell, Markovski, Armstrong.
PINES: Leporati, Craik (Bristow), Watson, McMinimee, Cumming, McDonagh, Patterson, McKenna, Whitton (Doyle), Helmore, Armour.
REFEREE: J.Santa - Isabel
BEST PLAYERS: 3-Markovski (MF); 2-Canosa (MF); 1-Leporati (FP).

GIANT KILLERS SLAYED

SOUTH MELBOURNE 7
CLARINDA 0

BY DWYGHT TUFFNELL

Mighty South Melbourne ended brave Second Division club, Clarinda's run in this season's Dockerty Cup on Sunday with a comprehensive 7-0 drubbing of the giant killers.

Zeljko Vrbanjac, escaping the terrors of war-torn Bosnia, quickly established himself as a favourite with the Blues fans grabbing a hat-trick in his first competitive hit out for Souths.

Paul Trimboli was back to his brilliant best in his striker-come-midfielder role scoring a double, as did Socceroo midfielder Jason Polak.

Souths destroyed what dreams Clarinda had of taking their biggest scalp yet in the Dockerty Cup with two goals within the first fifteen minutes, both coming from Vrbanjac.

Trimboli notched the other goal of the first half capitalising on a through-ball from the typically industrious Paul Wade.

Polak finally beat Clarinda 'keeper Nick Koletsas after being twice denied in the opening period by two superb saves, the second of which was an exceptional effort from Polak's 25-yard thunder bolt.

Trimboli scored a brave header, following good work from Con Boutsianis and substitute Ivan Kelic.

Vrbanjac collected his third with three minute to go with Boutsianis again providing the opening for Vrbanjac to poke the ball home from five yards.

Souths wrapped it up with a precise Polak shot from outside the area, despite a valiant effort from Koletsas to concede his seventh.

BLUES: Anastasiadis (Mautone), Muscat, Hasler, Durakovic, Valkanis, Wade, Polak, Petersen (Kelic), Trimboli, Boutsianis, Vrbanjac.
CLARINDA: Koletsas, Kalirneris (Kargas), P.Antoniadis (Cid), Kostoglou, Papalazarou, Pappas, Haritos, Presta, Vardaxis, Tsakiris, Petrakos.
REFEREE: J.Rutter
BEST PLAYERS: 3-Trimboli (SM); 2-Wade (SM): 1-Vrbanjac (SM).

VICTORIAN FEDERATION FIXTURES

DIABETES AUSTRALIA DOCKERTY CUP (Final rounds)
Mid-week
Semi finals
Sun. Sept. 25
Final

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Richmond v Oakleigh
Frankston Pines v Westgate
Ringwood City v Doncaster Rovers
Box Hill Inter v Broadmeadows City
Bentleigh Greens v Knox City
Northcote City v Bell Park
Caulfield City v Western Suburbs

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Clifton Hill v Sth Caulfield
Regent-Bulla v Clarinda
Chelsea v Waverley City
Sunbury Utd v Lalor Utd
Springvale Utd v Mooroolbark
East Richmond v Nunawading City
Altona City v East Bruns/Ivanhoe

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Essendon City v Melbourne City
Sth Dandenong v Seaford Utd
Sth Werribee v Moorabbin City
Altona East v Pascoe Vale
Sandringham City v Fitzroy City
Doveton v Elth.Dia/Valley Utd
Keilor Eagles v Rosanna

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Sth Wantirna v Frankston
Dandenong v Malvern City
Corio Geelong v Geelong Rangers
Geelong v Brighton
Sunshine Heights v Cranbourne
Yarraville v Nth Coburg Utd
Langwarrin v Sth Springvale
Westvale - bye

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Brandon Park v Melton
Lalor v Williamstown
Mornington v Heidelberg City
Coburg Moreland v S'vale Condors
Monbulk v Ballarat
Old Scotch v Berwick City
Nth Sunshine v Glenroy

PROVISIONAL DIVISION TWO (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Meadow Park v Knox Park
Lyndale Utd v Nth Glenroy
East Nunawading v Wantirna
Mitcham Utd v Keysborough
Braeside Utd v Brunswick City
Yallourn v Hoppers Crossing
Monash Uni - bye

PROVISIONAL DIV. THREE - NORTH WEST (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Latrobe Uni v Sunshine Park
Keon Park v Mill Park
Keilor Utd v Nth Reservoir
Diamond Valley v Northern Utd
Diggers Rest v Sydenham Park
Broadmeadows Utd v Upfield

PROVISIONAL DIV. THREE - CENTRAL (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Flemington Fal. v Uni Melb Blues
RMIT v Sth Yarra
N. Caulfield v Templestowe Eagles
Elwood City v East Kew
Collingwood City v West Preston
Thornbury - bye

PROVISIONAL DIV.THREE - SOUTH EAST (Final round) Sat. Sept. 24
Cam.Gram.O. Boys v R.wood Rov.
Carrum Utd v Waverley Wanderers
Melb. Uni v Parkmore
Balwyn City v Oakleigh Utd
Endeavour Utd v Hampton Pk Utd
Endeavour Hills v Riversdale

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• Premier League
• State League Division 1 to 3
(Updated by 6.30pm each Saturday evening)

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LIONS ROAR IN '94

We are the Champions!

BY GREG BLAKE

Premier League Grand Final day 1994 will be recalled as the afternoon on which Preston finally broke its big game hoodoo.

On a balmy spring Melbourne Sunday the mighty Lions from Connor Reserve roared home to win the Premier League title against tenacious Port Melbourne.

Preston's magnificent 3-1 win on the biggest day of the Victorian calendar capped the club's return to Premier League ranks in spectacular fashion.

And over 5500 at Middle Park rejoiced in the triumph.

The Sharks came to attack and did just that, the contribution of Takis Svigos' boys turning the main event into a game to remember.

But, just as they had done all season long, Peter Ollerton's charges proved themselves the best of the best.

For teenager Chris Sterjovski it will be a day he'll never forget.

In just his second game as a starter for Preston the kid fired home two match-winning goals and won the Jim Rooney Medal for the best player on the ground.

We salute the champs and the Premier League Grand Final with this pictorial coverage of the big day.

PHOTOS BY PAUL LEPORE

Preston skipper Steve Blair and coach Peter Ollerton

Greg Blake presents the 1994 ABSW Award to North Geelong's Josip Skoko at half-time.

Crunch time in the 1994 Grand Final.

Garry McAleer scores Preston's opening goal.

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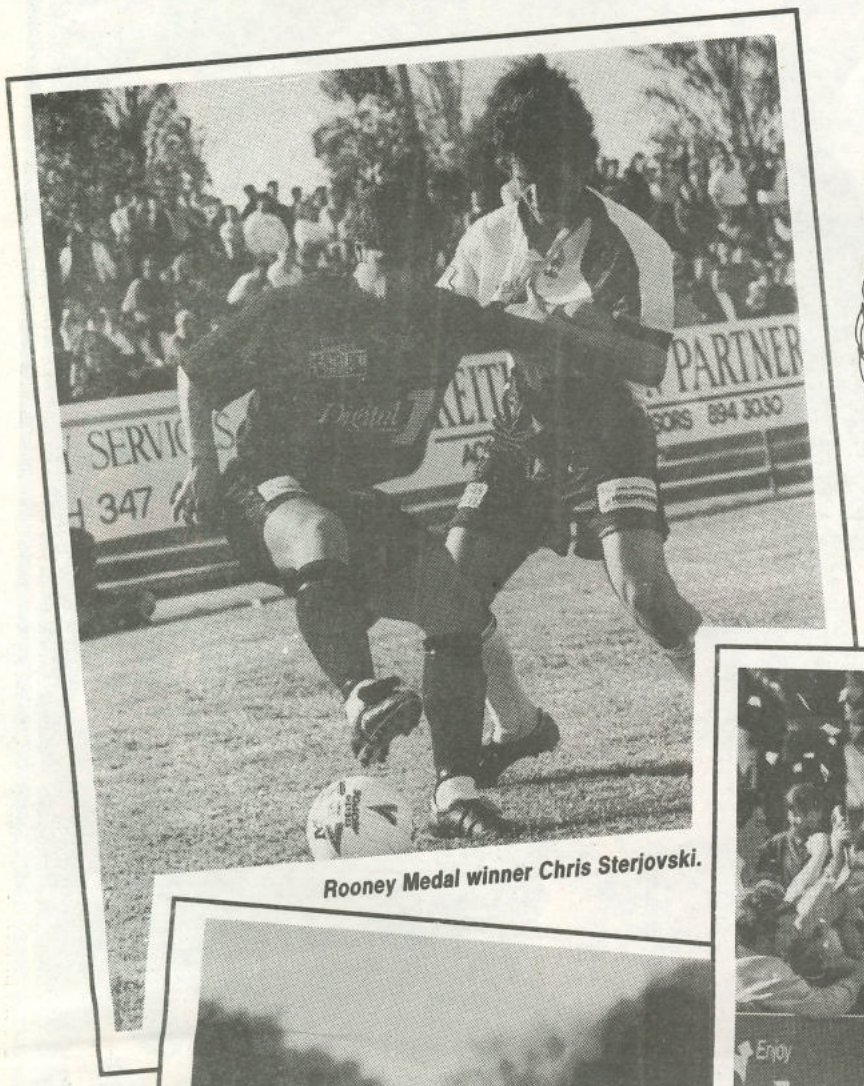
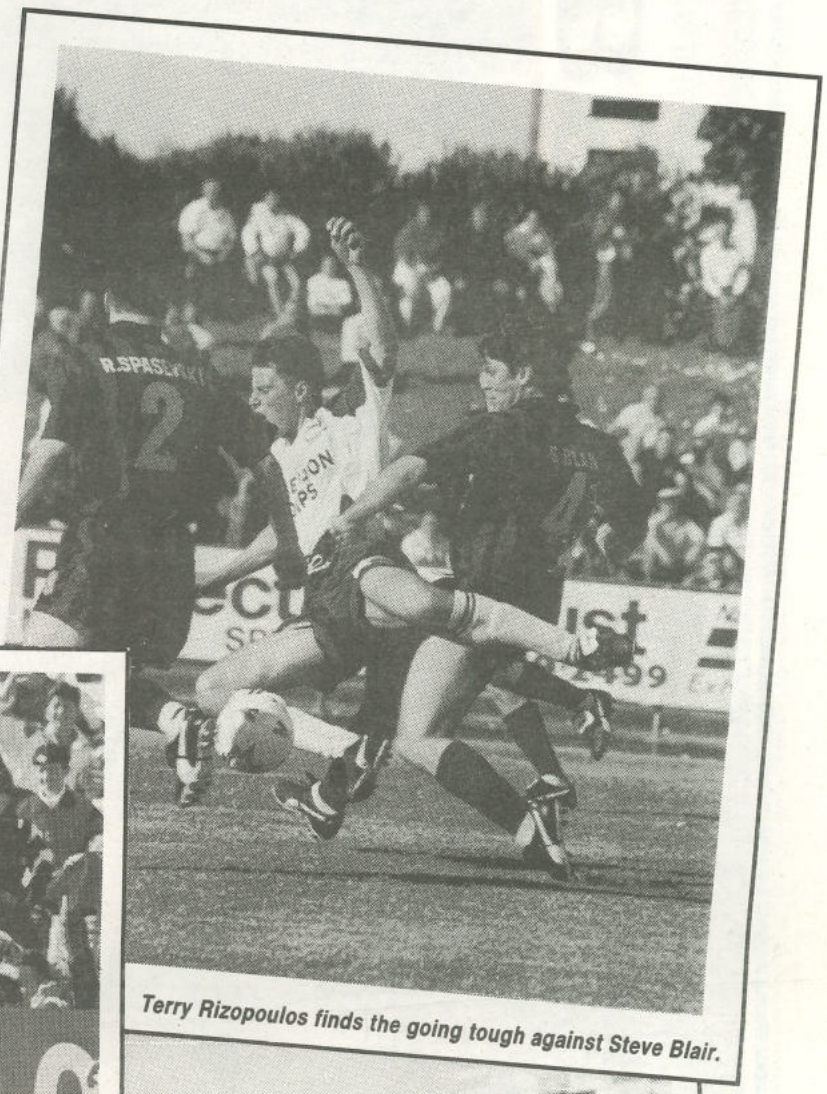


Rooney Medal winner Chris Sterjovski.



Terry Rizopoulos finds the going tough against Steve Blair.

Grand Final glory for the Preston faithful.

Sean Lane on the run.

Port's Dean Fak bears down on Sean Lane.

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